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# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,  
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## 1. SEED MARKETING CONFERENCE CONSIDERED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

At the call of this Bureau a seed marketing conference was held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on June 25 and 26. The purpose of this conference was to get together representatives of State Crop Improvement Associations, seed growers' associations, or other agencies of the States engaged in seed certification work, and committees representing the seed trade. There were in attendance at the conference official State certification representatives from thirteen States, committees of three from the American seed trade associations and from the Wholesale Grass Seed Dealers Association in addition to the president of each of these associations. Other representatives included those from the Department, trade publications and others, making altogether thirty-five in attendance.

This is the first time to our knowledge that a conference has assembled the State seed certification agencies and the seed trade for the specific purpose of discussing seed marketing problems pertaining to the marketing of seed of known origin and variety and for making recommendations to the Department and other agencies to guide them in their program for improving the methods of distribution of this class of seeds.

Mr. Tenny was chairman of the meeting the first day and C. W. Warburton, Director of Extension, the second day, while W. A. Wheeler, in charge of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, served as secretary.

At the close of the first day's program, including an address by the Seed Commissioner of Canada, the conference divided into committees to consider definite problems. Among the topics receiving attention were the establishment of a uniform system of seed certification, and the interstate movement of seed of known origin and variety. Also that means be suggested by which adaptability and varietal purity of field seeds and seed grains may be authenticated on a voluntary basis—this recommendation was taken as support and approval of the work being done by G. C. Edler.

Many of the progressive seedsmen assured others present that steps would be taken in the near future to provide for the marketing of seed of known origin and variety by many of the seed trade. In view of the benefits received from this meeting, a committee was appointed to arrange for another conference to be held at the time the International Crop Improvement Association meets in Chicago with the International Hay and Grain Show in December.

## 2. DR. STINE RETURNS FROM ABROAD.

Dr. O. C. Stine returned Saturday from his trip to Europe where he attended the Assembly of the International Institute at Rome. From the Institute Dr. Stine went to Italy and southern France to confer with Consuls, then to Vienna, and accompanied by Mr. Haas, toured Hungary and the Balkan countries. There he observed growing crops and arranged for reports on movement of grain from that territory. He spent some time in Poland conferring with the American consul and agricultural officials, going later to Berlin to see Mr. Schoenfeld. From Berlin, Dr. Stine went to Holland, to London for conference with Mr. Foley, and to Scotland before sailing on the S. S. George Washington.

### 3. FIRE IN KANSAS CITY DRIVES HAY DIVISION TO OTHER QUARTERS.

An unexpected move was forced upon the Hay, Feed and Seed Division at Kansas City when the building occupied by them was partly destroyed by fire about three o'clock the morning of June 29. The two upper floors of the three-story building have been occupied by the Division for the past two years as an office and laboratory, being used as one of the two principal points where Federal hay inspectors are trained. The fire originated in the mimeograph room on the second floor of the building and destroyed practically all material, mimeograph and laboratory equipment, baled hay, boxed hay samples and supplies located in the rear part of the building. Some damage was done to equipment in the remaining part of the building from smoke and water. All furniture and filing cases, having been protected by canvas by the Underwriters' Patrol was practically undamaged. It is believed all records, files and mailing lists remain intact.

Immediately upon receipt of word of the fire, Mr. Wheeler, who was in Chicago attending the seed trade conventions, went to Kansas City and made arrangement for temporary quarters in the same block and also arranged with the owner of the building to return as soon as the old quarters have been rebuilt and repaired, - probably five or six weeks.

No hay inspectors schools have been arranged for during the months of July and August because of the hot summer weather, so it is probable that there will be sufficient time to have the building ready and new equipment installed before any schools are to be held.

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4. WITH THIS WEEK'S B.A.E. NEWS is enclosed for each branch office a copy of addresses of the President and the Director of the Budget, printed in pamphlet form. These messages were delivered at the eleventh regular meeting of the business organization of the Government, June 21. In commending the budget to Government workers, President Coolidge told of the gratifying results of the policy of constructive economy. General Lord laid out further plans for the "Bureau of Subtraction". Copies are being distributed among the Washington offices.

### 5. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED FOR ASSISTANT WAREHOUSE EXAMINER.

An unassembled examination for this position, specializing in wool, cotton or tobacco at \$2,400 a year, will be arranged, for vacancies in Washington and the field unless they are filled by promotion or transfer. Duties will be to inspect warehouses to determine their suitability for the storage of agricultural products; to determine the capacities of warehouses and amounts of stocks they have stored; to analyze financial statements; and other duties including preparation of reports and the handling of correspondence. Competitors will not report for examination at any place but will be rated on education and experience, and on a thesis to be filed with application.

Those interested should write the Civil Service Commission for Form 2118 and copy of this announcement, giving exact title of this examination. Applications must be on file in Washington not later than August 10.

## 6. AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION

### MOVES TO TOP FLOOR BIEBER BUILDING.

Members of Agricultural Cooperation are certainly "sitting on top of the world" in their attractive new quarters on the eighth floor. They moved last week on the heels of carpenters and painters and are now settled in the offices lately occupied by the Cotton Division. Mr. Christensen's private office is in the northwest corner, entrance through room 824. Other members of the staff are located along the west and south sides of the building. The greatest transformation is in the sky-light room, on the south side of the court, where the gray walls have been painted the regulation buff tint used in the building. Miss Grace Wanstall and her force have a most delightful office which an interior decorator might say, 'smiles a cheerful welcome.' Mrs. Blanche E. Montgomery, Misses Louise E. Bowdler, Mary F. Heath and Ruth Payne occupy this room also.

## 7. WASHINGTON STATE BANKERS TO DISCRIMINATE

### IN FAVOR OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

What was considered by far the most important event of the Washington State Bankers' Association at their annual convention at Walla Walla, in June was the approval of the Warehouse act as explained by H.S. Yohe in an address before that organization.

Following Mr. Yohe's speech, the bankers adopted a resolution commending the Warehouse act to all warehousemen in the State, urging that all who were not operating under the regulations to qualify. In the interest of agriculture and as a means of protecting farmers who store their products, they said, it was recommended that bankers discriminate between applications for loans supported by warehouse receipts issued under the warehouse act and those issued by non-licensed warehouses.

The highest praise of the act was forthcoming when the advantages were understood. The Walla Walla press has published numerous accounts of the interest shown by the members of the Association who heard Mr. Yohe.

## 8. SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN FLORIDA

### MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

At the conclusion of the Fruit and Vegetable season in Florida L.M. Rhodes, Director of the State Bureau of Markets at Jacksonville cooperating with this Bureau wires as follows:

"The past season has been the most satisfactory all around ever given Florida shippers. The personnel of the (State) Bureau wish to express to you and co-workers their appreciation for your courteous efficient services and genuine co-operative spirit. Goodbye until November first."

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The Associated Press at Philadelphia has consented to handle the daily market summary issued by the State market reporter from our Fruit and Vegetable office in that city. This report will go by wire to a number of morning papers in the eastern part of the State, and will receive more prompt distribution, than formerly when it went by mail. The United Press is becoming interested in this special service also and the indications are it will aid further in its dissemination.

9. BUREAU REPRESENTED IN  
PATRIOTIC PAGEANT.

The historical pageant "Story of America", on the east steps of the Capitol last night which commemorated the sesqui-centennial anniversary of American Independence had a supporting cast from this Bureau.

The pageant was presented in three parts: Episode I, the "Foundation of America", Episode II, the "Progress of America", and Episode III, the "Strength and Hope of America" which last named group featured a tableau of reapers, farmers, milk maids and fruit bearers from the Department. Misses Effie Jenkins and Augusta Machen, of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, Misses Marietta Boyle, Beulah Chamberlain, Ethel Cunningham, Frances Myers and Blanche Ridgeway of the Fruit and Vegetable Division and Miss Mary Van Houten, Hay, Feed and Seeds represented reapers in green and yellow costumes, each carrying a sheaf of wheat. Ben Boyce and William McFarland, of Fruits and Vegetables were farmers, in characteristic costumes.

10. A PROMISING SUGGESTION.

The following letter was received in a branch office recently:

"Some time ago, the St. Louis office of Federal Grain Supervision made application to Postmaster Louis Alt requesting repair service for the St. Louis Supervision automobile truck. The Postmaster immediately took up the matter with Washington and within a very short time received instructions from the First Assistant Postmaster General to give Supervision such repair service at the actual cost of repairs and labor plus an overhead charge of 15%. To date this service has been very satisfactory and we believe it is much cheaper than public garage service."

11. IN CONGRESS:

H.R. 7893, by Mr. Haugen, to create a division of cooperative marketing in the Department of Agriculture, was signed by the President on July 2.

An appropriation of \$150,000 for carrying into effect the provisions of the Cooperative Marketing Bill is carried in the Second deficiency Bill (H.R. 13040) which has been signed by the President.

H.R. 7, by Mr. Lehlbach, to amend the retirement act, was signed by the President on July 3. This bill provides for a maximum annuity of \$1,000, but does not change the retirement ages. It increases the contribution on the part of employees from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2%.

H.R. 6728, by Mr. Glynn, to regulate in the District of Columbia the traffic in, sale, and use of milk bottles, cans, crates, etc., was signed by the President on July 2.

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12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 2 are:

'Abd al-Latif, Saiyid. Economic aspect of the Indian rice export trade... Calcutta, Das Gupta & co. [1923]

International wheat pool conference, St. Paul. Proceedings of the International wheat pool conference at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 16th, 17th, 18th, 1926. Winnipeg, Man., Canadian co-operative wheat producers limited, Department of publicity and statistics [1926]

Milwaukee. Chamber of commerce. Annual report, 68th, 1925/26... Milwaukee, Radtké Bros. & Kortsch Co., 1926.

National poultry, butter & egg association, Chicago. The request of the National poultry, butter & egg association for an appropriation from the Congress of the United States of America to be made to the Bureau of agricultural economics, United States Department of agriculture, to be used for the purpose of providing the butter industry of the United States with timely and adequate butter, cheese and condensed milk production reports ... Chicago [1925]

Price current grain reporter. ... Year book for 1926. Trade statistics on grain, feed, seeds, hay, provisions and live stock ... Chicago, 1926.

Strickland, Claude Francis. Studies in European co-operation ... Lahore, Printed by the Superintendent, Government printing, Punjab, 1925. v.2.

U. S. Tariff commission. Costs of producing sugar beets. Part V. Utah. Report on the farmers' costs of producing sugar beets in Utah, 1921, 1922 and 1923. Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.

U. S. Tariff commission. Costs of producing sugar beets. Part VII. Wyoming. Report on the farmers' costs of producing sugar beets in Wyoming, 1921, 1922 and 1923. Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.

White, Percival. Forecasting, planning and budgeting in business management ... New York, [etc.] McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1926.

Also the following hearings:

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on the public lands. Oregon & California railroad grant lands. Hearings ... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on H.R. 11329 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Foreign field service Department of agriculture. Hearing .. 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S.3473 ... Washington, Govt.print.off., 1926.

13. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN JUNE.

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during June:

Coleman, D. A., Fellows, H. C., and Dixon, H. B.: Testing Wheat for Protein with a Description of Standard Conditions for Making the Test. For Department Bulletin.

Prices of Farm Products Received by Producers. The North Atlantic States. For Statistical Bulletin.

Prices of Farm Products Received by Producers. The North Central States. For Statistical Bulletin.

Prices of Farm Products Received by Producers. The South Atlantic and South Central States. For Statistical Bulletin.

Prices of Farm Products Received by Producers. The Mountain and Pacific States. For Statistical Bulletin.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93, Amend. 3 - (Cotton Standards)

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 99, Official U. S. Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef.

Shollenberger, J. H. and Coleman, D. A.: Influence of Granulation on Chemical Composition and Baking Quality of Flour. For Department Bulletin.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Davis, W. C.: Reputation - What Does it Mean to You? For National Provisioner.

Davis, W. C.: Salesmanship Versus Order Taking. For National Provisioner.

Lacy, Mary G.: Popular Agricultural Material for Libraries. For Library Journal.

Sherman, C. B.: Poultry a Big Industry. For Poultry Success.

Smith, W. D.: Effect of Moisture in Rough Rice on Milling Quality. For Rice Journal and others.

Spilman, H. A.: Baskets - New and Old. For Barrel and Box.

Willis, H. H.: End Breakage in Spinning. For Cotton.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

14. REVISED REGULATIONS FOR COTTON WAREHOUSES as approved April 28, are now available in printed form as Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 76 (Revised).

15. TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARD TOBACCO GRADES FOR TYPE 41, prepared under authority of the United States Warehouse Act of August 11, 1916, as amended, is available in mimeograph form.

16. THE ANNUAL LIVESTOCK MARKET REVIEW, 1925, has been prepared by H.M. Conway who states last year was the most favorable livestock year in the past five. This review is designed to give a perspective of conditions in the industry as exemplified at public markets during 1925, interpreting the general situation and emphasizing the seasonal variations and trends especially as related to the past. A limited number of copies will be available.

17. WESTERN NEW YORK PEACH DEAL, Season 1925, is a review by A.E. Prugh. In giving a resume of marketing conditions, it is shown that this shipping section is without serious competition at the time the crop is marketed, in the autumn. Therefore little change in f.o.b. prices was noted during a three-year period. Copies are available.

18. A 5-page mimeograph list of Publications relating to FARM POPULATION AND RURAL LIFE has been compiled by that Division and is now available.

19. LIVING CONDITIONS AND FAMILY LIVING IN FARM HOMES OF ALABAMA, <sup>is</sup> a preliminary report by E. L. Kirkpatrick and Agnes Ellen Harris, State Leader of home demonstration agents at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, cooperating. This study gives partial results of a review of living conditions in 173 farm homes in Alabama, being one of a series begun in Livingston County, New York in 1921. Much interesting material is shown in both text and tables.

20. THE CALIFORNIA CITRUS DEAL, 1924-25 by Homer A. Harris, is a review of the Northern, Central, Southern and Imperial shipping districts, and contains data, pertaining to production, shipments and distribution. A list of publications prepared by Edwin Smith, Foreign Representative at Marseille, France, is given which tells of marketing American fruits and vegetables in some of the principal cities abroad.

21. PRINTED PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THIS BUREAU during the past fiscal year totaled 45, the same number as last year, according to the annual statement of our Bureau Editorial Room.

The number of publications edited and submitted, but still in press, on July 1, or in the Division of Publications, totaled 47 as compared with 26 last year.

The number of manuscripts edited but not ready, to go forward on July 1 was 1, as compared with 16 on the same date last year.

The total number of articles written by members of the Bureau staff for outside publication during the year was 101.

J.C. Gilbert and B.F. Perkins, who went to Philadelphia to set up the Bureau exhibits at the Sesquicentennial Exposition, returned to Washington Tuesday.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny is taking this week on annual leave at his farm in New York State returning Tuesday, July 12. Mr. Olsen will be acting Chief in Mr. Tenny's absence.

Mr. Olsen and Mr. Kitchen had a motor trip through the Shenandoah Valley, and to Monticello, Virginia over the Holiday. Other members of the Chief's Office who went out of the city over the week-end and holiday were Mrs. Ambler, Secretary to Mr. Tenny, who went to Front Royal, Va., Miss Joyce, Secretary to Mr. Olsen, who went to Montclair, N.J., Miss Leonard, to New York City, Miss Ellerbrock, to Bay Ridge, Md., F. J. Hughes to Bay Shore, Md., and Charles Wise, to North Beach, Md.

Mr. Christensen returned this morning from St. Paul, Minn., where he attended the Second Summer Session of the American Institute of Cooperation.

Mr. Sherman was in Raleigh, N. C. last week to confer with the Commissioner of Agriculture relative to the renewal of cooperative agreements for inspection on fruits and vegetables for the coming fiscal year.

George O. Gatlin, Agricultural Cooperation, expects to leave this week to go to points in the South to confer with cooperative cotton marketing officials relative to sign-up campaigns in the southern States. He will also obtain information relative to the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Associations. He will be away about three weeks.

State officials who have recently conferred with Mr. Robb and others in Washington include J. H. Meek, of Virginia; John W. Smith, Commissioner of Agriculture in West Virginia; E. B. Jones, of the Wisconsin staff; and M. L. Dean, Director of the Division of Horticulture, in Idaho. Conferences related to questions of grading and inspection and to the renewal of cooperative agreements for the coming year.

Dr. B. Youngblood, who has held a temporary appointment as Consulting Specialist in the Cotton Division since May 1, has been appointed as Senior Agricultural Economist, with headquarters at Washington, effective July 1.

Dr. Youngblood, who is a native of Texas, received his B. S. and M. S. degrees from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and his Ph. D. degree at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in agricultural economics and general economics. He has served the Department at various times as Special Agent, Scientific Assistant in Agronomy, Assistant Agriculturist, and until appointed to this Bureau held the position of Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. He will have charge of all research studies and investigational work of an economic nature in the Cotton Division pertaining to the production and marketing of cotton. Leaving Wednesday, Dr. Youngblood will go to New Orleans, College Station, Texas and Oklahoma City where for the next month he will be busy arranging for studies on cotton marketing to be conducted and will also consider the possibility of developing a market for low grades of this commodity.

G. L. Motherseed, of the Telegraph office has returned from a 10-day's vacation at Basking Ridge, N. J.

W. J. Bertush, who had been assisting with Pittsburgh inspection work for a number of weeks, returned to Chicago about July 1.

Members of the Division of Agricultural Cooperation spending the Fourth of July out of Washington were Mrs. M. Bland, at Pen Mar, Pa.; Mrs. Catherine L. Owen, at Piney Point, Md.; and Geo. O. Gatlin, at Bluemont, Va. Miss Myrtle Large is taking two weeks for annual leave, while Miss Williams will spend several days at Bluemont, Va.

Miss Martha Ayers, Farm Management and Costs had gone to Warren, Pa., on a vacation which will last a month.

Misses Anna E. Lodge and Mabel Barroch, of Farm Management and Costs were among those spending the week-end at Virginia Beach, Va.

Miss Emily Day of the Library has gone to Buffalo for her vacation. She plans to motor to several points in Canada before returning to Washington.

W. F. Cox goes from Jacksonville, Texas, to the Fort Worth office, to assist there while Mr. Googe takes leave. W. G. Lensen will return to the Washington F. & V. office from Elizabeth City, N.C.

The Oklahoma City Grain Office moved from 220 Mercantile Building to Room 616 Grain Exchange Building, on June 24.

H. A. Rhoades, Grain Supervisor at Indianapolis, Ind., assisted with the second annual short course in Grain Elevator Management at the University of Illinois, in June. William P. Carroll, Division Supervisor at Chicago and Ralph W. Taylor, Supervisor at St. Louis took part in this course, also. It is reported the elevator men who attended were well pleased with the instructions given them.

Five field stations of the Market News Service closed last week. Future assignments of the men in charge are as follows: C. E. Schultz goes from El Centro to Los Angeles, to work up his summary of the cantaloupe deal and to assist Mr. Harris. R. H. Lamb will remain at Wilmington, N.C., until the middle of next week and then proceed to Aberdeen, N.C., where he will operate the news service on peaches. J. D. Evers is now en route from Crystal Springs, Miss., to Boston, where he will assist with inspection work.

E. N. Bates, in charge, Portland, Oregon, Grain Investigations, attended the Twentieth Annual Convention of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at Lake Tahoe, California recently. Mr. Bates took part in the discussion on bulk handling of grain.

Mrs. Lerlie Baum has been given the clerical position in Mr. Butner's office, F. & V., Chicago, recently vacated by Mrs. Lewis.

A. B. Genung, Division of Information, has gone to Freeville, N.Y. for two weeks' leave.

Miss Rosalie Willis, Fruits and Vegetables, has gone on a two weeks' motor trip to Canada with her family.

Miss Ethelyn C. Winslow, of Miss Clark's office, has returned from a vacation spent in Europe.

C. L. Luedtke, of the Foreign Section, has left for Cambridge, Mass., to attend the Harvard University Summer School. Mr. Luedtke will take graduate work in Economics and Economic History of the United States and Western Europe under Dr. Edwin F. Gay.

Frank T. George, Division of Information, made a successful trip to Natural Bridge, Va., over The Fourth, on his recently acquired automobile.

Just before Herbert L. Binkley was transferred from the Duluth Grain office to take charge of the work in Oklahoma City, he was the guest of honor when Mr. and Mrs. William H. Shea entertained the supervision force at their home. W.H. Pahl acted as toastmaster presenting on behalf of his co-workers, a genuine English Briar pipe and cigars with their good wishes.

M. R. Cooper, C. R. Swinson and Miss Nora A. Mathias, Division of Farm Management and Costs, will leave July 8 for points in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania to assist in an economic study of the apply industry in the Shenandoah-Cumberland Valley. Mr. Cooper will return to Washington in about ten days, while Mr. Swinson and Miss Mathias will spend the next two months on this assignment working in cooperation with these States.

Two June weddings are reported from the Machine Tabulation Section just before the close of the month. Miss Freda Fisher and Thomas Dely were married at Fairfax Court House, Va., June 26. Oswald D. Hoover married Miss Eloise Chrismond at Rockville, Md., June 30.

Miss Nina Moler leaves this week for a motor trip to Niagara Falls. Her friends in the Tabulation Section are wondering if this will be a wedding trip.

L. S. Hulbert, Agricultural Cooperation, is spending this week at the sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation at St. Paul, Minn.

C. F. Duvall has moved to room 718 and may be reached on phone 378.

Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick, Farm Population and Rural Life, left Saturday for Ithaca, N.Y. to teach a summer course at Cornell University.

Robert Bier, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, has gone to Pocomoke City to supervise all the inspection work on the Eastern Shores Virginia and Maryland.

Edward J. Hastings of the Telegraph office is taking two weeks leave at Pittston, Pa.

Miss Ruth Cowles, Personnel, is on a vacation trip this week, visiting in Richmond, Yorktown and Leesburg, Va.

Miss Evelyn Hine and Gertrude Wallace of the Personnel office were among those attending the Sesquicentennial Exposition Celebration in Philadelphia. They also went to Atlantic City.

P.S. (The rest of us are trying to work in the heat)!!

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## 1. UNIVERSAL COTTON STAPLE STANDARDS SOUGHT.

Invitations to an international conference on the proposed establishment of universal staple standards for cotton have been sent by Secretary Jardine, to European cotton associations and exchanges who already are parties to agreements on universal standards for grade.

Secretary Jardine has tentatively set August 10 as the date of the conference, the place to be at the American Embassy at London. Four acceptances have been received indicating interest in the proposed conference. They are from the Manchester Cotton Association, Ltd.; Federation of Manchester Spinners' Association; Havre Cotton Exchange and the Ghent Cotton Exchange. Department officials anticipate that there will be no refusals inasmuch as representatives of the European associations and exchanges have already indicated informally their willingness to meet on the question of staple standards.

The European associations and exchanges that have been invited to the London conference include the Liverpool Cotton Association, Ltd.; Manchester Cotton Association, Ltd.; Bremen Cotton Exchange; Havre Cotton Exchange; Italian Cotton Association; Barcelona Cotton Exchange; Rotterdam Cotton Exchange; Ghent Cotton Exchange, and the Federation of Master Spinners Association. Representatives of American exporters also have been invited to attend.

Department officials declared that the establishment of universal staple standards would facilitate the marketing of the crop, tend to make quotations more comparable, and make export statistics more reliable.

## 2. MR. WILSON RETURNS TO MONTANA; MR. TOLLEY HEADS FARM MANAGEMENT.

M. L. Wilson, for the past two years in charge of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, resigned Saturday to return to the Montana State College Experiment Station.

Mr. Wilson had been granted an indefinite leave of absence to take up work for the Department about two years ago, subject to the call of the Montana State College. The work in agricultural economics at Montana has been carried on without the appointment of a successor to Mr. Wilson, and its larger research program leads the college to request his immediate return.

Mr. Tenny, in announcing Mr. Wilson's resignation, declared that "during Mr. Wilson's brief period with the bureau, he has aided in broadening and strengthening the work in farm management and costs, and has assisted in bringing the research work of the department closer to farmers."

H. R. Tolley, Assistant Division Leader, who has been appointed in charge to succeed Mr. Wilson, has been connected with that work of the Bureau for eleven years.

### 3. FISCAL REGULATIONS ARE FURTHER AMENDED.

Memorandum No. 554 from the Office of the Secretary calls attention to an amendment of the fiscal regulations regarding travel authorization. In order to simplify procedure this amendment omits the former provision that general letters of authorization be issued annually to Chiefs of Bureaus. It also makes plain the existing provisions concerning travel outside of continental United States.

### 4. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE INCREASED.

The Office of the Secretary announces in Memorandum No. 555 what will be of interest to field men and all who perform travel for the Bureau. This order permits the authorization of per diem rates not exceeding \$6 for travel within the United States and \$7 for foreign travel. Heads of Divisions have been instructed to consider each letter of authorization requested and recommend a rate of per diem that will in their judgment reimburse the traveler for all necessary and reasonable traveling expenses. In determining the rate to be allowed, consideration will be given to the nature of the travel to be performed, the duration of travel, the percentage of time that will be spent in sleeping cars, and whether the traveler will be located at a given point for a considerable period of time during the trip.

### 5. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST.

An unassembled examination for this position is announced for a position in the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture at a salary of \$3,800. Competitors will not be required to report for written examination at any place, but will be rated on education and experience, and on a thesis (to be filed with application). Applications must be on file at Washington not later than August 17.

Applicants must have been graduated from a college or university of recognized standing with courses in agricultural economics, and must have completed at least two years of graduate work in economics at an institution of recognized standing; besides at least three years of responsible experience in research in agricultural economics other than farm management surveys, or in the direction of such activity by associate and graduate students, with the publication of technical reports and contribution on such researches. Additional graduate study in agricultural economics, other than farm management surveys, may be substituted for one year of the required experience.

Application should be made to the Civil Service Commission for announcement of this examination, and form 2118.

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Among those from the Bureau who appear on the program of the Rural Life School and Conference for Ministers, at the University of Maryland, July 12 to 23, are S.W. Mendum and W.F. Callander. They will speak on Wednesday, Mr. Mendum's subject being "Rural Standards of Living" while Mr. Callander will tell "How Uncle Sam Forecasts Crop and Livestock Production". C.E. Trout, Editor of Marketing Activities, will attend the conference Thursday and speak on "The Use of the Radio".

6. SECRETARY JARDINE GUEST AT SOUTH  
ST. PAUL FEDERAL LUNCHEON.

When the Federal Business Association of the Twin Cities and South St. Paul held their luncheon and meeting at South St. Paul on July 13, they were fortunate in having the Secretary as one of the guests. Another distinguished member of the party was Hon. Aug. Andresen, Representative of that district, who had just returned from Washington. About 200 association members and others were present for this first meeting at South St. Paul, which was held at the Armour plant.

A. B. Smeby, of the South St. Paul Livestock office was a member of the committee in charge of the meeting, and had prepared a mimeograph statement showing the magnitude of the livestock business handled in that city. As the closing feature of the occasion a trip of inspection through the Armour plant was taken, followed by a meat demonstration.

The meeting was considered a most pleasant and successful one.

7. NEW GRAIN BRANCH OFFICE  
OPENS AT LOS ANGELES.

According to the usual custom and as an outcome of the adoption of the barley grades, a new office will be opened at Los Angeles to supervise the inspection of barley. The address of the office will be Room 462, I.W.Hellman Building, and James A. LeRoy will go from Portland, Oreg., to take charge of the new branch. He will be assisted by Knute J. Berven, also from Portland.

8. UNIFORM SYSTEM OF  
NUMBERING CONTRACTS.

The General Accounting Office calls attention to the regulations providing for the numbering of contracts. Less formal contracts (accepted proposals) should be numbered in the office where the acceptance is made, the great majority of these agreements therefore will be numbered in the division of purchase, sales and traffic. Formal contracts and leases should be numbered in the Bureau where the agreement originates and where the departmental copy is filed. The regulations direct that the number be placed in the upper right-corner to refer to the open paper and excludes insertions on the endorsement surface of folded sheets.

The numbers should be written in large and rather heavy characters, and if stamps are used for the symbols a bold-faced type should be employed. The numbering should be continuous for all classes of agreements, without distinction between formal and less formal. If it is preferred that every agreement be numbered, irrespective of whether a single payment or several are to be made thereunder, this course is permissible.

9. EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ACT  
PROTECTS AGAINST INJURY WHILE ABROAD.

The Director of Personnell and Business Administration in Circular No. 37 explains how benefits may be derived from the U.S. Employees' Compensation Act for injuries received while traveling abroad. Copies of this circular may be had for those who contemplate traveling abroad on official assignment, by applying to Mr. Snow, Mails and Files.

# 10. AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION ENDORSES CODE FOR PRODUCE TRADE.

The majority of the cooperators present at the session of the American Institute of Cooperation at the University of Minnesota last week favored the plan when the topic of a code of ethics in the produce trade was discussed. It recommends the settlement of trade disputes through arbitration, and the voluntary registration of produce organizations, cooperative and private.

It was the consensus of opinion that the plan should be given a fair trial to indicate whether revisions in the proposal should be made. It was believed by many that the new plan would assist materially in maintaining stability in the trade.

# 11. INCREASING DEMANDS FOR MEAT GRADING SERVICE.

Since the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division began grading meats for the Pennsylvania Railroad at New York about three weeks ago, a request has been received from the Chicago branch of the company for an extension of the grading service to Chicago and Columbus, Ohio, on a daily basis. Arrangements are being made to take care of the Chicago situation but it will be impossible to grant the Columbus request until a later date.

Last week the Veterans Bureau applied for our meat grading service at their hospitals located in Chicago, Ill., Bronx and Beacon, N.Y., and Washington, D. C. The service starts July 20 at all three points.

Demands for the meat grading service are becoming so great that it has become necessary to request the appointment of two additional meat graders. Chas. Roeseler reported for duty as meat grader at New York on July 15. It is expected that another will report for duty at Chicago within the next two or three days.

# 12. ASSOCIAZIONE DELL'INDUSTRIA LANIERA ITALIANA COMPLIMENTS PROGRESS IN WOOL STANDARDIZATION.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Italian Industrial Wool Association, has been received by G. T. Willingmyre:

"We beg to send you our best congratulations for the results of the Conference held in Washington on 29th. April ult. and we take this opportunity to confirm you that we shall esteem it a favour if you will give us, at your convenience, some further informations on the subject. Please also remember to send us, as soon as possible, samples of tops and wool grades standardization.

With our kindest regards

Il Segretario Generale  
Associazione Industria Laniera Italiana."

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Miss Emily Clark, who prepares estimates and special reports for the Bureau, has moved from room 610 to 601 on the north side of the building. Miss Carrie Meador and Miss Ethelyn Winslow who work with Miss Clark, occupy the new office, also.

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13. ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY as they appeared agriculturally to Leon M. Estabrook on his recent stay in South America are discussed in Department Bulletin 1409 now off the press. The bulletin is one of the series devoted to agricultural surveys of foreign countries.

14. MARKETING LETTUCE, a commodity bulletin of the less exhaustive but adequate type is now off the press and has been added to our series of commodity bulletins. It is Department Bulletin 1412 and was completed by its author, C. W. Hauck, just before his resignation last December.

15. U. S. STANDARDS FOR PLUMS AND PRUNES, (FRESH) 1926 have been issued as of July 8, 1926.

16. AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS, No. 95, dated June 11 and relating to the cotton standards Act, is off the press.

17. THE HANDBOOK OF OFFICIAL GRAIN STANDARDS FOR BARLEY, which become effective August 24, is now available in pamphlet form. The four classes into which barley is divided for the standards are described.

18. THE AVERAGE QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF FUEL AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES USED BY FARM FAMILIES is issued as a preliminary report by E. L. Kirkpatrick in cooperation with the Bureau of Home Economics.

19. OFFICIAL STANDARDS FOR THE INSPECTION OF BARRELED APPLES are set forth in a mimeograph statement of July 10, giving grades and color and size requirements. Copies are available.

20. CALIFORNIA FRESH PEACH DEAL (Season 1925), a summary by C. J. Hansen and O. W. Holmes, is now available in mimeograph form. California ranks second in the shipping of fresh peaches, Georgia being first. In the production of dried and canning varieties, California ranks first. This summary gives complete production and shipment information, destinations, unloads, and export of canned peaches for the season. U. S. Grades for peaches are included, also.

21. DATA ON THE SWINE INDUSTRY FOR RESEARCH AND EXTENSION WORKERS in Agricultural Economics has been revised and reprinted giving some of the more important series of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division pertaining to the swine industry. Supplementary information on competing products is furnished.

22. THE ECONOMIC LIMITS OF THE COST OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION, Weld County, Colorado, is another preliminary report by R. P. Teelo, cooperating with Paul A. Ewing, Bureau of Public Roads. This report is a part of a general study conducted by these Bureaus on the economic limits of the cost of water for irrigation.

23. OFFICIAL UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CARCASS BEEF, issued as Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 99, is off the press and available for distribution. The official standards for grades and classes of beef were established as of July 1, and are fully described in this pamphlet.

24. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 16 are:

Emmental, ltd., Zollikofen, Switzerland. [The history of the Emmental cheese industry of Switzerland. Zurich, 1926?]

India. Burma. Co-operative societies, Registrar. Report on the working of the Co-operative societies act in Burma for the year ended the 30th June 1925. Rangoon, Superintendent, Government printing and stationery, Burma, 1926.

India. Dept. of statistics. Statements showing progress of the co-operative movement in India, during the year 1924/25. Calcutta, 1926.

Killingsworth, W. G. Deciduous fruit growing in California... San Francisco, California inc., 1925.

Land and agricultural bank of South Africa. 14th yearly report ... 1925. Pretoria, The Government printing and stationery office, 1926.

Liverpool corn trade association, limited. Annual accounts and balance sheet, 1925/26. [Liverpool, 1926]

National council of social service. The reconstruction of country life; being notes on a Conference of rural community councils held at Oxford in 1925. London, National council of social service (incorporated) [1925]

National live stock producers association. Annual report, 1925. Chicago, National live stock producers association [1926]

New Hampshire. University. Extension service. New Hampshire's agriculture. Analysis of conditions and state extension program for improvement... [Durham, 1923?]

Soddy, Frederick. Wealth, virtual wealth and debt; the solution of the economic paradox... London, G. Allen & Unwin ltd. [1926]

U. S. Bureau of the census. Cotton production in the United States, crop of 1925... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Congress. House. Committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Corn sugar. Hearing... 69th Congress, 1st sess; on H. R. 39... March 2 and 3, 1926. Washington, 1926.

U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on agriculture and forestry. Amendment to Packers and stockyards act. Hearings... 69th Congress, 1st sess. on S. 3676 and S. 4347... May 28, June 3 and 4, 1926... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Weber, G. M. A comparison between retail prices of selected food products in thirteen Massachusetts cities... Boston, Mass., Mass. Dept. of agriculture. Division of markets, 1926.

Yakima fruit growers association. A visit to the home of the famous "Big Y" fruit. Yakima, Wash., Yakima fruit growers association 1924

## 25. RÉSUMÉ OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION OF INTEREST TO THIS BUREAU.

The following bills passed by the first session of the sixty-ninth Congress are of direct or indirect interest to our workers:

The "Cooperative Marketing" Bill, by Mr. Haugen, (H.R. 7893) to create in the Department of Agriculture a division of cooperative marketing, was signed by the President July 2. The bill provides the department with authority to acquire and disseminate information on cooperation, to promote cooperative principles and practices, and to call advisers to counsel with the Secretary on cooperative activities, etc.

The "Retirement Bill", to amend the retirement act, by Mr. Lehlbach, (H.R. 7) was signed by the President July 3. This act provides for a maximum annuity of \$1,000, and increases the contribution by employees from  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ .

S. 2465, by Senator Gooding, to amend an act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes, was approved by the President April 26.

H. J. Res. 213, by Mr. Haugen, for participation of the United States in the Third World's Poultry Congress to be held at Ottawa, Canada, in 1927, was signed April 21.

H.R. 7255, by Mr. Dickstein, to regulate the sale of kosher meat in the District of Columbia, was signed April 15.

The "Deficiency Bill," making appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1926, and supplemental estimate for June 30, 1927, was signed July 3. This bill includes \$150,000 for the Division of Cooperative Marketing in this bureau.

H. R. 6728, by Mr. Glynn, to regulate in the District of Columbia the traffic in, sale, and use of milk bottles, cans, crates and other containers of milk and cream to prevent fraud and deception, was signed July 2.

H. R. 7889, by Mr. Begg, prescribing a uniform allowance to officers and employees in all services of the United States while traveling and on temporary duty on official business, was signed June 3. The maximum per diem rate was increased from \$4.00 to \$6.00, and when the expenses are itemized from \$5 to \$7 per day when traveling in the United States and \$8 per day when traveling in foreign countries.

S.J. Res. 78, by Senator Jones of Washington, to amend the plant quarantine act of August 20, 1912, to allow the states to quarantine against the shipment therein or through of plants, plant products, and other articles found to be diseased or infested when not covered by a quarantine established by the Secretary of Agriculture, was signed by the President April 13.

H.R. 10429, by Mr. Smith, to adjust water-right charges, to grant other relief on the Federal irrigation projects, \*\*\*\* was signed by the President May 25.

H.R. 7818, by Mr. Andresen, to amend section 304 of an act to regulate interstate and foreign commerce in livestock, livestock products, dairy products, poultry, poultry products, and eggs, was signed by the President May 5.

Bills of interest which failed to become laws during the first session, sixty-ninth Congress:

The "Long and Short Haul Bill," S. 575, by Senator Gooding, to amend section 4 of the Interstate Commerce Act, prohibiting carriers from charging less for a longer than for a shorter haul, was rejected by the Senate by a vote 46 to 33.

H.R. 11422, by Mr. Vinson, to amend the act authorizing the Department of Agriculture to issue semimonthly cotton crop reports \*\*\*\* passed the House but was not reported out of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. This bill provided for an enumeration each year of the actual numbers of acres in cotton in selected areas, and authorized an appropriation of \$75,000.

H.R. 9971, by Mr. White, for the regulation of radio communication passed both Houses, but was lost at the end of the session through not receiving final action on amendments in conference.

S. 349, by Senator Harris, fixing the rate of postage at one-half regular rate on farm products mailed directly from farm for delivery by rural routes, passed the Senate, but no action was taken by the House.

S. 3926, by Senator McNary, to fix standards for hampers, round stave baskets, and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, passed the Senate May 10. On May 18, a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed was requested by Senator Harrison and the motion was agreed to that the House be requested to return the bill to the Senate.

H.R. 11603, the Haugen Farm Relief bill, was defeated in the House and the Tincher and Aswell commodity marketing measures were withdrawn. A revised bill (H.R. 12362) was introduced by Mr. Aswell, but no action was taken by the Committee on Agriculture. An amendment embodying the principles of the McNary-Haugen bill was added by the Senate Committee to the Cooperative Marketing bill, but was defeated in the Senate. Various amendments, including the Fess amendment were defeated by the Senate. Numerous bills were introduced during the session embodying plans for an export corporation but none passed.

H.R. 2, by Mr. McFadden, to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations, passed both Houses but was lost at the end of the session through not receiving final action in Conference.

H.R. 11768, by Mr. Taber, to regulate the importation of milk and cream into the United States for the purpose of promoting the dairy industry of the United States and protecting the Public Health, passed the House, but no action was taken in the Senate. This bill prohibits importation of supplies of milk and cream from Canada unless inspected and approved under standards prescribed by the Department of Agriculture, and only those who have received permits from the Secretary of Agriculture shall be allowed to ship milk and cream into this country. \*\*\*

S. 2965, by Senator Capper, to prevent discrimination against farmers' cooperative associations by boards of trade and similar organizations, passed the Senate but no action was taken by the House Committee.

H.R. 10510, by Mr. Hare, to prevent the destruction or dumping, without good and sufficient cause therefor, of farm produce received in interstate commerce by commission merchants and others and to require them truly and correctly to account for all farm produce, was reported out of House Committee with amendment, but no action was taken on the floor of the House.

H.R. 10129, by Mr. Ketcham, to promote the agriculture of the United States by expanding in the foreign field the service now rendered by the United States Department of Agriculture in acquiring the diffusing useful information regarding agriculture, \*\*\*passed the House, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture in the Senate.

H.R. 11765, by Mr. Gilbert, to provide for the collection and publication of statistics of tobacco in the Department of Agriculture was reported out of House Committee, but no action was taken on the floor of the House.

H.R. 6241, by Mr. Haugen, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to inspect and certify as free from disease and insect pests certain plant products offered for export passed the House. The provisions of this bill were embodied in the annual appropriation act for the Department of Agriculture under the appropriation for the Federal Horticultural Board, and passed.

## 26. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE PRIVILEGES NOT EXTENDED TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES.

According to Secretary's Memorandum No. 556 of July 13 the Administrative Regulations are amended as follows:

487. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES. Employees appointed for temporary work, commonly known as "job employment," under Section 4, Rule VIII, of the Civil Service Commission will not be allowed annual or sick leave.

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At the present rate of speed the statistical count of M.J.B. Ezekiel's golf score will soon reach infinity, we are informed.

Here and There in the Bureau

Mr. Sherman made a trip to the Eastern Shore of Maryland last week to confer with State officials and others regarding shipping point inspection of fruits and vegetables.

H.J.Besley, in charge of the Grain Division, went to points in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York last week to confer with members of the New York Produce Exchange and with shippers of rye with reference to the application of the U.S. grain standards for rye.

Kelsey B. Gardner, Agricultural Cooperation returned yesterday from a seven weeks trip to the West Coast to study the phases of cooperative selling through terminal markets. Returning Mr. Gardner stopped at Denver, Minneapolis Chicago and Detroit to make observations of the methods of disposing of California produce on those markets.

Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Products, was in Newark, Del., Monday to make an inspection of eggs in connection with an investigation being made by the Delaware State College.

E.J.Murphy, Grain Standards Administration, went to Philadelphia last week to attend a hearing accorded the Philadelphia Commercial Exchange and a complaining member of the trade. The complaint was based on the belief that grain inspection fees charged nonmembers of the Exchange were unreasonable. Mr. Murphy went on to New York City to meet with the Chief Inspector of the Produce Exchange and discuss arrangements for grain inspection service at Buffalo on New York future deliveries.

F.G.Robb, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, will go to Ocean City, Me. to address a joint summer meeting of the State Horticultural Society and the Peninsula Horticultural Society, on July 30, Mr. Robb's subject will be "The Value of Inspection as a Means of Raising the Standards of Fruits and Vegetables".

Charles E. Gage, Crop and Livestock Estimates, will leave early next week on a tour of the tobacco growing region, going to points in Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Mr. Gage will probably be absent one week.

The Division of Agricultural Finance has moved to the 8th floor and is now occupying the large room on the north side, previously used by the Cotton Division.

After two months in the field, making investigations regarding standard containers for fruits and vegetables, Robert W. Davis returned to Washington last week. He left for Chicago Sunday where he will remain about a week for a series of construction tests on bushel baskets, by the Freight Container Bureau of the American Railway Association.

Miss Mary W. Cannon of Personnel has set a mark for other fisherwomen of the bureau. She caught an 11 1/2 pound catfish near Sycamore Island in the Potomac last Sunday. But when she put the fish in the ice box at home it momentarily assumed the proportions of a white elephant. She ended by giving the fish to the janitor.

Several members of the Transportation Section, Fruit and Vegetable Division have returned from vacations, and are now regaling the office with picture and story of their "days off." Mrs. Barbara French motored through New York and into Canada. Mrs. Louise Grigsby spent a week at Atlantic City.

Others now leaving are Miss Blanche Ridgeway who will visit her father near Terre Haute, Indiana; Mrs. Alta Stannard who will take a boat trip up the Hudson to home and relatives; and Mrs. Eva Mae Berrey who will spend the week end with parents at Criglersville, Virginia.

John Wilmeth, formerly Assistant Grain Supervisor, was a welcome caller in the Grain Division Saturday. For the past five or six years Mr. Wilmeth has been practising law in Hartsville, S. C., associated with the Trust Company of South Carolina, representing the Coker Cotton Company.

W.H.Hosterman, Hay, Feed and Seeds is on a vacation of two weeks, after which he will conduct a hay inspectors' training school at Green Bay, Wis., beginning August 2. This course is arranged to train a group of Wisconsin State employees for Federal-State Hay Inspection work. Attending this school will be country shippers and county agricultural agents, also. B.B.Jones, in charge of the Wisconsin State Department of Marketing will assist with this school for two weeks as will also H.H.White side, Federal Hay Supervisor at Chicago.

J. W. Strowbridge, of Standard Section, Fruits and Vegetables, has gone to his home at Dundee, N. Y., for a couple of weeks' leave. G. B. Fiske is on a 10-days' vacation at his former home in Massachusetts.

Miss Carrie D. Meador has returned to her desk after spending two weeks at Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Charlottesville, Va.

Charles L. Harlan, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, will leave the last of the week for a two-months' trip through the western States to visit livestock markets and State offices of the Division to examine records of livestock movements and to assist in preparing estimates of fall livestock movements to be issued from the Denver office. He will also make a general study of livestock conditions.

Wm. Broxton has gone to Illinois and Wisconsin to interest cold storage and slaughter house plants in the work of the Bureau with a view to establishing better cooperation. He will return August 3.

The Grain Division announces the following changes in assignment: John F. Welch is being changed from Ogden, Utah to Portland, Ore., exchanging places with Lester W. Grandy, who is being transferred from Portland to Ogden. Robert C. Mill, Grain Supervisor in the Nashville, Tenn. office is being transferred to Chicago, and Howard A. Harlow is being changed from Cincinnati to take charge of the Nashville office.

William A. McKenna, of Cotton Warehousing will go this week to inspect licensed cotton and wool warehouses in Boston and in other points in Massachusetts.

Friends of Mrs. Anne Rhodes Disney will be interested to hear of the arrival of a son, today. Mrs. Disney was formerly a member of the staff in the Division of Information, but was well known throughout the Bureau.

F.J.Hughes is in New York on personnel matters this week.

G.T.Willingmyre and D.W.Willingmyre of the Wool Laboratory were in Baltimore last Wednesday to procure wool to be used in the preparation of official wool grades.

H.H.Willis, of the Cotton Division stationed at Clemson College, S. C., will go to Athens, Ga., to attend a meeting of the Georgia Crop Improvement Association July 29. Mr. Willis will discuss the cotton testing work being conducted by the Bureau.

R. N. Balster, of the Chicago staff, has gone to Omaha, where he will handle the local inspections during the next few months, while V. V. Westgate supervises the shipping-point inspection work on Nebraska potatoes.

W.M.King, Hay, Feed and Seeds, went to Philadelphia for several days last week to secure hay to be used in the Bureau exhibit at the Sesquicentennial Exposition.

W.D.Smith, of the New Orleans Rice milling Investigations, stopped in Philadelphia on his recent trip North, to call on his coworkers in the Grain office.

R.C.Mill, Grain Supervisor at Nashville, Tenn., reports a pleasant trip by automobile to Canada, by way of Chicago. He had the good fortune to complete the trip of 2083 miles without a single puncture.

C.A.Stephens, of the Nashville Grain office, was called to his home in Missouri recently because of the serious illness of his father.

Miss Cynthia Crippen, Cairo, Ill., Grain office who has been in ill health for several months, is somewhat improved, we are glad to report.

Miss Florence Solomon, Baltimore Grain office, has returned from an extended trip in Europe.

R.F.Gordon, Toledo, Ohio, office of Grain Standardization, took his two-weeks' vacation in northern Michigan.

The bankers' organization at Macon, Ga., gave a banquet on July 7 in honor of the peach buyers, commission merchants and brokers, who make their headquarters in Georgia during the peach deal. Among the guests at this enjoyable event were O.G. Strauss and wife; R.H. Shoemaker, and V.D. Callanan. Mr. Callanan formerly was in charge of our New York market news office. More than 150 persons attended the banquet, including many ladies.

E.J. Dickson, of the Stenographic Section, has gone on a three-weeks' vacation trip through the Finger Lakes region of New York.

Mrs. Dorothy Gould Hillig, has been transferred from the Treasury Department to Dairy and Poultry Products, the Division in which she worked several years before going to Chicago with the Internal Revenue Bureau. We are glad to welcome Mrs. Hillig back to this Bureau.

H.W.Samson is in New York City this week in connection with the work of grades and standardization.

H.J.Matejowsky, of the Cotton Division has been transferred from Washington to the New Orleans branch cotton office.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

ISSUED WEEKLY FOR THE STAFF OF THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.  
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## 1. MR. TENNY AND OTHERS GO TO COTTON CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

In order to attend the International Cotton Conference called by Secretary Jardine, at London, August 10, Mr. Tenny, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Slade are sailing this week.

Several acceptances have been received to invitations issued by the Department to this conference on the adoption and use of universal cotton standards for length of staple. This issue has demanded the attention of Bureau cotton officials for some time in an effort to establish uniform standards of staple denomination satisfactory to the trade in this country and abroad.

Mr. Tenny accompanied by Mrs. Tenny will sail on the S.S. American Trader on Thursday. Mr. Palmer plans to go with them. Mr. Slade will not sail until Sunday when he will go on the S.S. Leviathan. They expect to return in about four weeks.

## 2. TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BROOMCORN INSPECTORS IN OKLAHOMA.

A school for training broomcorn inspectors by the Hay, Feed and Seed Division in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Marketing Commission will be held at the State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning Monday, August 9. This school will continue for two weeks. It is primarily for the purpose of training additional broomcorn inspectors for Oklahoma under the cooperative agreement between this Bureau and the Oklahoma State Market Commission, but anyone else who is interested in the broomcorn standards and desires to become familiar with them is invited to attend. The school will be conducted by G. B. Alguire of the Kansas City Office of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division and P. W. Swartz, Chief Broomcorn Inspector for the Oklahoma State Market Commission. Those desiring to attend should write either to the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Washington, or the Oklahoma State Market Commission, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, so that necessary arrangements can be made to take care of them.

## 3. ALABAMA TO GIVE SHORT COURSE FOR FARM PEOPLE NEXT WEEK.

A short course for farm people will be given at Auburn, August 1-6, which promises to be a banner week according to reports. Numerous other meetings are being planned and special programs of interest to the farmer and his wife have been arranged so that they may get all out of the time spent at the institute possible. F. W. Gist, Agricultural Statistician at Auburn will speak at the annual meeting of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation the first two days of the week. On Thursday, Livestock day, Mr. Gist will tell of the importance of Livestock in Agriculture. Other subjects to be considered are crops and soils, horticulture in its many phases and agricultural engineering besides many features of instruction and entertainment.

The attendance will be made up of representatives from every section and perhaps every county of Alabama.

4. INTENSIVE STUDY OF GRASS SEED  
BEING MADE BY HAY DIVISION.

G. F. Booker, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, left Washington last week for a trip of about three months, mainly in the Central States. He expects to cover the timothy seed producing districts in Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota with the Division's Kansas City office car, but most of the other districts will be covered by railroad and occasional drives in the vicinity of the largest seed shipping points. By the end of October he will have visited most of the leading producing districts for timothy, red, alsike, white, and sweet clover, alfalfa, millets, sorghos, and Sudan grass seed.

The main purpose of this extensive trip is to obtain first-hand information regarding the prospective production of these important grass and clover seed crops, which will supplement the data obtained from thousands of formal inquiries sent to growers and country shippers. He will also obtain information on shipments made last year, carryover of old seed, prices offered to growers, reasons for the increase or decrease in the production in various districts, quality of the various seed crops, names of buyers who are most active, and extent or direction of expansion of seed areas.

This is similar to the trips made during the past seven or eight years by G.F.Kellogg who resigned in May to enter the commercial seed business.

5. INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION SESSION  
AT MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN OFFICE.

By arrangement of Dr. H. B. Price, Department of Agricultural Economics, University Farm, St. Paul, the afternoon session of the American Institute of Cooperation was held at the Minneapolis Grain Office, July 15. The discussion included the grading and inspection of grain and the protein testing of wheat. About fifty men attended these discussions between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 P.M. R.C.Miller, Grain Supervisor, told of the present grading system using type samples of grain and many charts to illustrate his talk.

6. POTATO SHIPMENT FORECASTS  
DISCONTINUED BY BUREAU.

The potato shipment forecasts which have been made twice a week by the

Bureau of Agricultural Economics this year will be discontinued after July 29. The report will be discontinued because potatoes are being shipped to an increasing extent from states in which the Bureau does not have close contacts with shippers, and trucked-in stock is becoming important in many of the larger consuming centers so that shipment forecasts are of less value.

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L. W. Stephenson, Supervising Hay Inspector for the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, at Atlanta, Georgia, has resigned, effective August 1, in order to enter business with his father at Rosewood, Ohio. It is expected that a successor to Mr. Stephenson will be appointed in the near future and in the meantime correspondence with reference to hay inspection work in the South-eastern Division should be forwarded to the Washington office.

7. MEAT GRADING SERVICE BEING  
ADOPTED BY RETAILERS.

The Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool, Division has had much encouragement in its activities along the line of meat grading service. The latest report comes as a distinct achievement, for a retail dealer in New York City has requested the meat grading service. David Van Gelder, is the first retail dealer to request our meat grading service and it is expected that this grading will begin at his market at an early date.

8. AMENDMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST (RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION), \$3,800.

Application must be on file at Washington, D. C., not later than August 17, 1926.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the paragraph entitled "AGE" in Announcement No. 271, issued July 9, 1926, of the open competitive examination for AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST (RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"AGE.--Applicants must not have reached their fifty-fifth birthday on the date of the examination. This age limit does not apply to persons entitled to preference because of military or naval service, but such applicants must not have reached the retirement age."

Issued July 17, 1926.

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9. THE TRILOGY BY THE WAREHOUSE DIVISION is now completed by the publication of the pocket sized pamphlet The Warehouseman and the United States Warehouse Act, which is Miscellaneous Circular No. 67. The first of this set of pamphlets was unnumbered with the title The Banker and the United States Warehouse Act. The second is Miscellaneous Circular No. 51 with the title The Farmer and the United States Warehouse Act. These three little circulars are written in a popular way and are in much demand.

10. The Farm and Orchard Magazine Section of the Los Angeles Sunday Times of July 11, published as its leading article "State's Shipping Supremacy is Attested", a resume of the carlot shipment information contained in the special shipment summary for 1925, released by the Los Angeles Fruit and Vegetable office a few weeks ago.

11. SOURCES OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON THE DAIRY INDUSTRY has been issued in a mimeograph by the Bureau. A foreword gives the scope of the information available through the Bureau as well as through its branch offices. It tells of the methods of distributing information collected by the Bureau. A list of publications is furnished which gives a comprehensive scope of the industry.

12. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 23 are:

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- Foster, Leonard F. Principles and practices of farm book-keeping... London, Gee & Co., 1925.
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Here and There In The Bureau.

Chris L. Christensen returned from the sessions of the American Institute of Cooperation at St. Paul, Monday. He reported a successful term of the Institute during the four weeks it was held.

Miss Sherman, Editor of the Bureau, is back from a delightful vacation in the White Mountains. Summer has only just arrived up there, Miss Sherman said, with snow still 10 to 25 feet deep in some of the ravines, she was informed.

Jesse W. Tapp, who has been Secretary of the New England Research Council with headquarters at Boston, is now in the Division of Farm Management and Costs. H.R. Richards of that Division is going to Boston to take the position recently held by Mr. Tapp.

Miss Vance, Miss Horn and Miss Kostmayer of the Reviewing Section have moved from the 6th floor and are now occupying room 702.

Miss Eliza J. Joyce, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is on a vacation at York Harbor, Me., until August 14.

G. C. Edler, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, recently returned from a six-weeks' field trip. He visited the Kentucky bluegrass, orchard grass, meadow fescue, and redbud seed producing districts. The information obtained from country shippers and cleaners and also from field inspections served as a background for, as well as a check on, the hundreds of reports obtained from formal inquiries to growers and shippers.

Mr. Edler prepared the outlook report on Kentucky bluegrass seed while he was in Kansas City and the orchard grass and meadow fescue reports in Chicago. These reports, as well as the report on redbud, were mimeographed in Washington and given wide distribution so that as many growers and dealers as possible might have unbiased information on the production, carryover, and prices of these seeds.

While in Chicago Mr. Edler read a paper on seed stock records at the seed marketing conference called by this Bureau. He also attended meetings of the American Seed Trade Association and conferred with many seedsmen regarding seed marketing and reporting work.

Mr. Callender is on a short trip to West Virginia and North Carolina to arrange with the Commissioner of Agriculture and the tax assessors for an agricultural census to be taken by the latter.

Among those attending the Farmers' Institute at Blacksburg, Va., on Wednesday are R.C. Potts, Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, and H. W. Hawthorne, Farm Management and Costs, whose names appear on the program for addresses. This is expected to be one of the big meetings of the year and about 400 farmers of that vicinity will probably attend.

Mr. Sherman attended a meeting of the Berkeley County Farm Bureau, held in a picnic grove at Martinsburg, W. Va. last Thursday. He gave a general talk on the marketing of fruits and vegetables.

Dr. S. A. Jones, Crop and Livestock Estimates, has gone on a trip to Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia where he will confer with State Statisticians relative to field inspection of crops. He will be out of the office all week.

Mrs. L. Grosvenor Audits and Accounts leaves July 24 for an auto trip to New York where she will join Mr. Grosvenor at their farm at Grosvenor's Corners, Schoharie County. She will visit the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Valley Forge, Watkins Glen, Ithaca and other points of interest enroute.

Miss Sybil Clark, Division of Land Economics, is spending her vacation at her home in Des Moines, Iowa, returning August 21. Miss Elizabeth Knee, of the same Division, will be on leave from July 29 to August 19, during which time she will motor with three other ladies to Manchester, New Hampshire, stopping en route at Delaware Water Gap, Bear Mountain and Lake Sunapee. Mrs. Mamie B. Pratt spent a short vacation last week at her home. Miss Margaret A. Charters will be on a vacation from July 26 to August 10, spending a part of her time at a cottage at Chesapeake Beach.

Walter K. Marshall, Milling Investigations, Grain Division, has been invited to attend the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Millers' Association at Lancaster, Pa., next week. He will address on the manufacture of pretzels and the type of flour best suited to that (give an) purpose.

Mrs. Edith Runkle, Mails and Files, leaves Thursday for Crawfordsville, Ind., to be gone until August 14.

The Photographic Section has moved into room 623, vacated by the Drafting Section. H.C. Wilcox and Mrs. Warner now occupy the new room where all photographic requests will be received. Mrs. Sollers and Mrs. Bagley will continue to work in the same offices, and telephone numbers are unchanged.

Mrs. Olive H. Kerns, Crop Estimates, will be at Albert Lea, Minn. until August 9, taking part of her annual vacation. Miss Mayme Hilgendorf is at her home in Watertown, Wis. for annual leave. She will return August 16. G.E. Richards is taking two weeks of his vacation also, while Miss Mary E. Shanahan came back to the office last week from a trip to Syracuse, N. Y.

J.G. Scott, of the Cincinnati Fruit and Vegetable office, will go to Philadelphia August 1 and later to Baltimore to assist in the work in those branch offices while E.R. Biddle and W.H. Harrison take their respective vacations. W.H. Mosier, who has held field assignments in Texas, will go to Cincinnati to handle the market news service in Mr. Scott's absence.

The Division of Statistical and Historical Research reports the following absences: Miss Esther H. Johnson is at Beach Haven, N. J. until August 9. Miss Ruth Donovan will return from St. Albans, Vt., August 16. Miss Elsie Reeves, has gone to North Beach, Md., until August 9. Miss Mary Malampy, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, will return August 2, from a trip to Cumberland, Md.

Miss Lillian Masse, Stenographic Section, is spending her annual vacation at Ludington, Mich., until August 18.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Fred Daniels' mother during the past week. Mr. Daniels is employed in our Chicago Livestock, Meats and Wool branch office.

Charles C. Ruth, of Corvallis, Ore., will make several trips during the next few weeks into the hay producing sections of that State to observe hay standardization work of the Bureau. He will obtain samples of alfalfa, clover and timothy for use in training Federal hay inspectors.

Mrs. May L. Isbell, Division of Agricultural Finance, is taking this week on annual leave, when she will visit Lynchburg, Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Miss Helen L. Lee, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is at Blacksburg, Va., for two weeks.

Miss Marietta Thomas, Information, took a brief vacation last week.

Lawrence A. Olsen and Ray E. Cassidy, grain samplers of the Minneapolis office have been temporarily assigned to duty in the Galveston office with R.T. Miles.

Mrs. V. P. Link of the Payroll Section of the Bureau, with Mr. Link motored to Richmond, Virginia Beach and other points in that region over the week-end.

W.H. Hesselman, clerk in the Spokane Grain office, caught a five pound bass at one of the nearby lakes while on his recent vacation.

William Shea, of the Duluth Grain Office was invited by the Duluth Board of Trade to participate in a golf tournament recently. They evidently did not know what he knew about the game. After a few rounds on a Minneapolis course with strange clubs, he again took a bag of also "Strange" clubs and proceeded to the fray on another course. It has been learned that about nine p.m. Mr. Shea returned the clubs and displayed a silver cigarette humidor appropriately engraved, as a prize won for the low score of 72 for 18 holes. He was cautioned before hand to uphold the good reputation of those clubs- and he certainly made good.

ALL SO-CALLED GOLFERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE !

The Minneapolis Grain office has reported the following recent visitors: Prof. V.P. Timeshenko, Professor of Economics in the Ukranian University, Prague, Czechoslovakia, called to learn more of the system of grain inspection in vogue in this country. Julius K. Gottschalk, representing the Muhlenwerke Gottschalk Company, in Germany, came to obtain information on the marketing and milling of wheat.

C.D. Shirley has left San Antonio, Texas for Pleasant Valley, Iowa, where he will supervise the inspection of onion shipments from that State this season.

J.F. Pevare, in charge Section of Property and Supplies, has returned from a three weeks' vacation spent mostly in the Mt. Monadnock region of New Hampshire.

Miss Rose L. Moulter also of the Supply Section is on a month's vacation in Cleveland and the Thousand Islands.

Miss Hazel Gaslin, Information, is at her home in Maine for a month's vacation.

W.D.Googe, who handles the market news service at Fort Worth, Texas, is taking part of his annual leave. Arrangements were made with the State Commissioner of Agriculture for J.A.Hunter to take his place temporarily.

R.L. Ringer, of the Portland, Ore., Fruit and Vegetable office, is enjoying a vacation at Ranier National Park, until August 14. Other members of the field staff of that Division whose vacations have been reported are J.K.Boyd, of Pittsburgh who goes on leave July 30; H.A.Harris, of Los Angeles has completed a vacation and W.T.Pentzer of the Chicago has gone to Pasadena, Calif., where he will be on leave until August 7.

Miss Lillian Wallace, Personnel Section, returned yesterday from a pleasant trip to Chimney Rock, N. C. Miss Mary W. Cannon will go Pittsford, Vt., for two weeks vacation, beginning August 2.

Mrs. Madeline C. Tippet, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will be at Newport, Md., on vacation from August 9 to 23.

We have just received word that Wilford H. Norris, Meat Grader at our New York office and Miss Florence Ethelyn Weidanz were married at Jersey City, N. J. on July 17. We hasten to extend good wishes for their happiness.

Frank F. George, Jr., Division of Information, will leave Saturday on an extensive motor trip through the New England States and Canada. Mr. George will be away during the month of August.

H.T.Crosby has returned to Washington from Boston and is now in the Cotton Division at 300 Linworth Place.

G.C.Randell, Cooperative Marketing, has returned from St. Paul, Minn., where he attended the American Institute of Cooperation.

L.W. Stephenson, Supervising Hay Inspector at Atlanta, Ga., spent three days the early part of this month in the neighborhood of Augusta, Ga., demonstrating the Federal grades for Johnson hay to producers and shippers. These demonstrations were made principally in the hay fields where farmers were shown when and how to cut their hay to produce the best quality. Mr. Stephenson also gave a talk at one of the Agricultural Clubs, at which there were about fifty dealers and farmers in attendance.

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13. SUPPLIES MAY NOW BE HAD FROM  
CENTRALIZED SUPPLY DIVISION.

The centralized supply division for the Department is now located at 221 Linworth Place and will be ready for business August 2, with H.A.Nelson as storekeeper. This office will fill all orders for supplies to be used in the Washington offices according to a previous memorandum of the Business Manager, but the present system of handling supplies for the field through Mr. Pevare will remain unchanged. In making requests for supplies the head clerk will make an extra carbon which will be sent to Mr. Pevare.

Supplies are to be ordered as heretofore from the Bureau stock number. Two rings on either 439 or 533 will call the new supply storeroom.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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## 1. NEW REPORT ON GRAIN

### STOCKS TO BE STARTED

A report of the commercial grain stocks in store in the United States was issued by the Hay, Feed and Seeds Division on Monday, August 2, and will appear on each Monday hereafter.

The reports contain more complete statistics of the commercial stocks of grain in store in the United States than have been available heretofore. Stocks reported are those in public elevators or warehouses, and such grains in private elevators or warehouses as are still considered to be in trade channels. Mill stocks and stocks of grain intended for local consumption or retail trade will not be included in the reports.

The figures apply to the stocks at the close of business Friday of each preceding week, with the exception of two or three markets at which the cutoff for certain reasons must be made at close of business Saturday.

## 2. FARM BUSINESS SURVEYS

### FEATURE FARM TOURS.

As a follow-up of a Farm Business Survey conducted last winter by this Bureau in cooperation with Newcastle County, Delaware, a tour is being made today of several farms studied at that time. Representative farms will be visited and certain features noted, stressing weak points and excellent ones. This tour will be given under the direction of the County Extension Agent, and is attended by H. R. Tolley and H. W. Hawthorne, of the Division of Farm Management and Costs, who will talk during the noon hour program. The Extension Director of the State and the President of the State Farm Bureau Federation will take part, also.

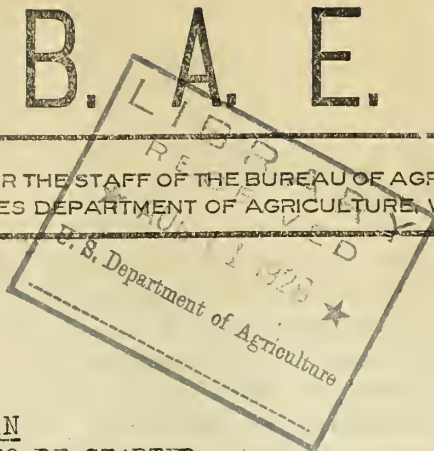
Mr. Hawthorne will go to Knoxville, Tenn., August 16 to arrange for Farm Business Surveys to be conducted in that and nearby States. He will direct the compilation of material gathered by means of questionnaires.

## 3. REPORTING SHIPMENTS

### ON FORM FTB NO. 1.

The Department Traffic Manager advises that commencing August 1, 1926 the practice of reporting outgoing shipments by freight, express and parcels post on Form FTB No. 1 will be discontinued where the shipments weighs less than 500 lbs. Shipments weighing 500 lbs. or more should be reported as at present.

U. S. Dep. of Agr.  
Attn. Miss Trolinger,  
4 J Washington, D. C.



#### 4. SPECIAL COMMITTEE CREATED TO HANDLE CALIFORNIA GRAPE CROP.

A committee of railroad officials, shippers and others has been created to assist in handling the California grape crop this season, particularly with respect to the location and distribution of cars. Mr. Donald D. Conn, Manager of the Public Relations Division of the American Railway Association is chairman of this committee. Mr. Conn is now located at 530 Wells Fargo Building, San Francisco, and may be addressed as Chairman, Joint Railroad Committee. He is anxious that representatives of this Bureau cooperate with him in this important work.

Representatives of the Fruit and Vegetable Division and the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates are particularly requested to get in touch with Mr. Conn and assist him in every possible way consistent with Bureau policy. It is probable that representatives of these Divisions have information that will be helpful to him, and he should be made acquainted with the information available and the scope of the work of the Bureau which is in any way connected with grapes. Requests for information of a confidential character should be referred to Washington for consideration and instructions.

#### 5. MOVES IN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION.

During the past few days there has been a general shifting of offices within the Fruit and Vegetable Division in utilizing to the best advantage additional rooms which have been assigned to that Division.

Mr. Sherman has moved from Room 522A and shares Room 502 with E. W. Stillwell, who moved from Room 500. F. G. Robb is located in Room 522A, formerly occupied by Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Robb's clerical force has moved into Rooms 522, 500 and part of 515.

H. W. Samson has moved from Room 523 to Room 503. His assistants occupy the adjoining Rooms 505, 507 and 508.

W. L. Evans has moved from Room 503 to Room 523, his force occupying Rooms 525, 526, 504 and part of 528.

Miss Edwards has moved from Room 503 to Room 506.

J. C. Cross has moved from Room 425 to Room 528. H. V. DeMott will occupy 528 with Mr. Cross.

H. A. Spilman and his staff of workers have moved to the building at 221 Linworth Place, S.W.

#### 6. LIVESTOCK, MEATS AND WOOL CHANGE LOCATION; STENOGRAPHIC SECTION, ALSO.

About the last move to be effected in the exchange of offices, is that of assembling the force of Marketing Livestock and Meats Division along the front of the building, sixth floor. The entire row on the north, with the exception of Miss Clark's office, No. 601, and including No. 610 on the west, now accommodates all of the Livestock and Meat Marketing work. The Wool Marketing work, under G. T. Willingmyre, moved to 300 Linworth several weeks ago.

Mr. Whalin's office is reached through 608, Mr. Conklin's headquarters, and Mr. Davis may be found in 607.

E. J. Dickson and members of the Stenographic Section have moved into the suite vacated by Mr. Whalin's staff.

## 7. CHANGES IN THE DIVISION OF INFORMATION.

Rearrangement of duties in the Division of Information has been completed and the changes definitely decided. Miss Marietta Thomas will continue to direct the publication distribution work in addition to her new duties as Head Clerk. She will handle contacts for Mr. Marquis with the different Divisions of the Bureau and will supervise the clerical work of the Division of Information.

Miss Violet L. Heinson will be stenographer to Mr. Marquis and will handle the mimeograph record work as well as the preparation of stencils for the daily marketgram.

Miss Hazel Gaslin will assist Miss Thomas in handling routine clerical duties and will help Miss Viehmann with the Crops and Markets work.

Mrs. Edith Runkle, formerly of Mails and Files, has been transferred to the Division to handle mailing lists, distribution of publications and other duties. This assignment to the staff was made necessary upon the rearrangement of duties following Miss Thomas' appointment as Head Clerk. Because of this transfer, which is effective August 3, Mrs. Runkle will not take her vacation at this time as announced in last week's News.

## 8. MARKET NEWS SERVICE EXTENDED TO WESTERN CITIES.

The Market News Service has been enlarged recently by the addition of offices at Ames Iowa and Oklahoma City, Okla. J. C. Gilbert of the Division of Information who for the past three weeks has been in the West arranging for the work, reports that the two new offices are now open and on the job. The market news at Ames is conducted in cooperation with the extension department of the Iowa State College. Charles Coulter has been appointed as telegrapher and assigned to the Ames station. The extension service of Iowa has named E. L. Cadyas as market news editor. The reports are broadcast five times daily by the college station W O I, with Andy Woolfries as chief announcer.

At Oklahoma City Mr. Gilbert arranged for the installation of the leased wire service and radio broadcasting in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture and the State Market Commission. Charles Martin telegraph operator from the San Antonio office opened the wires on Tuesday July 27 and the reports were broadcast on a regular schedule on the day following. The State has assigned Carroll Johnson and George Duncan as market news editors and announcers.

Enroute from Ames to Oklahoma City Mr. Gilbert called at the market news office at Hastings, Nebraska. The original enthusiasm prevailed in that place and the reports were being broadcast five times daily to an increasingly large number of listeners. More than 5000 letters have been received from rural listeners who regularly use the reports. Lloyd Thomas, station manager, and Hobb Turner, radio market news editor, wanted the schedule increased by the addition of an early live stock release. This was arranged for and agreed to.

## 9. COASTAL PLAINS LIVESTOCK

### STUDY REPORTED BRIEFLY.

Many attempts have been made in the past by State Colleges, Extension Services, Chambers of Commerce, banks and other organizations to improve the quality of livestock on farms of the Southern Coastal Plains, but without a definite degree of success. The Bureau was asked to assist in a study to determine the causes of and the remedy for the problem. This has been in progress since early in the Spring, when R. D. Jennings and M. A. Crosby went from this Bureau to undertake, (1) a study of the production of livestock in the area, (2) and a study of the consumption of meats, dairy and poultry products in the area. The first includes detailed methods of feeding and handling, to arrive at standards of such care. Other information is obtained to show how a particular livestock enterprise fits into a system of farming from records collected from farmers who have been fairly successful with livestock. It is possible that a program of livestock production may be drawn up for a particular area of the coastal plain where the type of farming is much the same.

The purpose of the second part of the study is to show source of supply of the principal southern cities for meats, dairy and poultry products. It is believed that the South is not nearly supplying its own needs in these products, and if this is true cities of the South offer the first opportunity for a market for any increased production. Florida in particular draws upon many parts of the country for these products. Possibly many of these cities could be supplied from the Coastal Plain with advantage to farmers and consumers.

It is hoped by this study to show how farmers in particular areas can add enterprises to their other farming operations and /reasonable standards of care and management are.

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10. THE FIRST REPORT RELATING TO THE LOUISIANA SURVEY has just been received. The study, which has been mentioned frequently in the News, was conducted cooperatively by the Louisiana State University, Experiment Station and Extension Division, the New Orleans Association of Commerce, the City of New Orleans, railroads, farm bureaus, and other public organizations and farmers of Louisiana. B. H. Critchfield of this Bureau was survey director and T. D. Johnson of this Bureau was assistant director. This illustrated report, of 130 pages, known as Louisiana Extension Circular 89, part 5, deals with the Shreveport area and will be followed by three other reports built on the results of the study.

## 11. NEW FORM OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

### FOR COTTON WAREHOUSES...

At a recent meeting of the underwriters this form of coverage for cotton stored under the Warehouse act was granted, this being the first time such coverage has been granted to individual warehousemen. H.S. Yohe, accompanied by F.G. Crout of the Atlanta office and James P. Brown, of the Raleigh office, will go to New York City tonight to confer with insurance interests, and to arrange the final details for putting this form of insurance into effect.

12. AMERICAN BOYS' CLUB TEAM  
ENTERTAINED IN LONDON.

The Dairy Cattle Judging Team of the American Boys' Club from Maryland were entertained at lunch at the Farmers' Club, by the Ministry of Agriculture, while in London last month. The Minister of Agriculture, Lord Bledisloe, and Edward A. Foley, Agricultural Commissioner at London, attended and greeted them. The team was composed of Stanley Sutton, of Kent County, Ralph Walker of Montgomery County and Arthur Dunningan of Harford County. They were accompanied by Dr. F.B. Bomberger, Assistant Director Extension Service, University of Maryland, and H.B. Derrick, County Agricultural Agent for Kent County, Md., coach for the team.

After lunch they went with Mr. Foley to the London office of the Bureau where they discussed plans for their trip into Holland and Denmark.

13. FARM TAXES AND FARM RENTS  
BEING STUDIED.

Effective July 1 a supplementary agreement was drawn up to replace the one entered into last September.

This agreement is for the joint study by the Divisions of Agricultural Finance and Land Economics with the Michigan Agricultural College to determine the extent of Farm Taxes and Farm Rents in Michigan as provided under the Purnell Act. The trend of land values also will be determined and the relation between farm taxes, farm values and farm rents ascertained. The study is being made by means of questionnaires by mail. Later the material will be tabulated and published.

14. REPORT ON SURPLUS  
TYPEWRITERS REQUESTED.

The law requires that when purchase is made of a new typewriter a used machine more than three years old shall be exchanged in part payment. If the Bureau does not have a used machine available for such a purpose, one must be procured from the General Supply Committee at its exchange value. In order to avoid the expense of purchasing old typewriters, offices placing requisitions for the purchase of new machines should list an equal number of machines for trade-in. From a perusal of division property reports it would appear that some offices may have surplus typewriters on hand at the present time. Washington offices having such surplus equipment are requested to transfer it immediately to Property and Supplies. Field offices should report surplus typewriters to their Washington office which will in turn notify the Supply Section. They should not, however, be shipped to Washington unless so advised.

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E.K. Hess, of the National Stockyards branch office of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, recently received a letter from the Corn Belt Serum Company, East St. Louis, Illinois relative to livestock reports issued from the above office:

"These publications are of great value to us" they wrote, "as we purchase all our hogs and pigs used at the plant per quotations for the various grades as published by your office, and if any controversy should arise as to prices prevailing your publication is assumed by us as authority on the subject."

15. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending July 30 are:

American cranberry exchange. Crop season 1925... New York [1926]

California walnut growers association. Articles of incorporation, by-laws, central-local agreement and local-grower agreement as in effect April 1, 1926. [Los Angeles? 1926]

Fremantle, H.E.S. Meat, fish and other foodstuffs, An inquiry into trade combinations, supplies, distribution and prices, with a minority report ... Cape Town, Cape Times limited, Government printers, 1926 (South Africa. Board of trade and industries. Report no.54)

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Kansas. University. School of business. Bureau of business research. Kansas studies in business, no.1-2. Lawrence, The School of business, University of Kansas, 1925.

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Robertson Scott, J.W. The story of the women's institute movement in England & Wales & Scotland ... [London] The Village press, 1925.

The Times, London. Tobacco number. London, 1925. Supplement to the Times, Oct. 20, 1925.

U.S. Laws, statutes, etc. Comparison of the Revenue acts of 1924 and 1926 ... Washington, Govt. Print. off., 1926.

Wye, Kent. South-eastern agricultural college. Dept. of economics. Report no.1. Investigation into farming costs of production and financial results. I. Milk production costs and financial results in 1923/24 and 1924/25, by James Wyllie. [Wye, Kent, 1926]

Here and There in the Bureau

Mr. Olsen accompanied by Roy C. Potts, Rob R. Slocum, and C. E. Eckles of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products are in New York City for a few days with Earl French, Walter P. Heddin and L.F. Champlin of the New York office to make a survey of the live poultry trade. If conditions warrant, a market reporting service on live poultry will be established. Until personnel assignments have been completed, Mr. Slocum and Mr. Eckles will conduct the service should conditions prove the service is desirable.

A visitor at the Chief's office last week was M. van den Hock, from Pretoria, South Africa. Mr. van den Hock who holds a government scholarship from the University of South Africa is on a special mission to study, investigate, and report on fruit marketing in the American as well as in the English and Continental markets. He was received by Mr. Olsen and conferred with W. F. Callander, Chris L. Christensen and H. W. Samson.

H.J. Besley, Grain Standards Administration, E.G. Boerner, Grain Investigations, and J.H. Cox, Barley Investigations, have gone to Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha and other cities in the Middle West to study methods of determining dockage in grain as affecting this season's crop. They will be absent for several weeks, and will confer with members of the field staff in the various cities on their itinerary.

Leslie A. Wheeler, has been appointed effective July 16 to fill the position in the Foreign Section, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, formerly held by Loyd V. Steere who was transferred to Berlin.

Mr. Wheeler comes to us by transfer from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, and will continue the work which, Mr. Steere has under way, consisting of analysis of material relative to demand in foreign countries for American agricultural products, and developing a special series of commodity reports which will give to the American producer current information on foreign crop prospects and the production and marketing of competing products.

Mr. Wheeler received his A.B. degree from Pomona College, California, and his M.B.A. degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration, having specialized in foreign trade work.

We are glad to welcome him into the Bureau and into the work for which he is so well fitted.

Louis G. Michael, Foreign Agricultural Economist is spending a vacation at Syracuse, N. Y. for the next two weeks.

F.G. Robb, Inspection of Fruits and Vegetables, leaves early this week for Chicago to confer with inspectors there and with members of the training class.

Miss Katherine Joyce, Secretary to Mr. Olsen, accompanied her sister, Miss Eliza J. Joyce, Crop and Livestock Estimates, on her vacation trip to York Harbor, Me. They will return about August 14.

G.S.Meloy, Cotton Marketing, is in New York City for a week to confer with manufacturers of cotton seed oil regarding the standardization of cotton seed.

G.C.Collier, Hay, Feed and Seeds, went to New York City and Buffalo last week to confer with officials of markets regarding commercial stock figures which the Department seeks.

George Livingston, former Chief of the Bureau, visited the Chicago Grain office recently, while en route to Minneapolis from an Ohio trip.

Miss B. Henderson, of the Division of Land Economics, has been elected to membership in the Quota Club of Washington, D. C. under the classification of Agricultural Research.

William E. Parr, Cotton Warehousing of the Atlanta office is in Washington this week to discuss with Mr. Yohe the proposed draft of regulations for storing cotton seed under the Warehouse act. Jas. P. Brown of the Raleigh office and F.G.Crout of the Atlanta office are also taking part in the discussion.

A. M. Agelasto, Cotton Division, left Sunday for Norfolk, Va., Charlotte, N. C., and Atlanta, Ga., to investigate prices and quotations established for spot cotton by the spot cotton exchanges. He will secure information which will assist in the proper enforcement of the cotton futures act. Mr. Agelasto will confer with the officer in charge of the cotton quotation service at Charlotte and at Atlanta.

Mrs. Elsie Knoll, Cotton Marketing, returned yesterday from leave which she has taken since July 19.

G. W. Morrison, Grain Division, made a short trip to Nashville, Tenn., the first of the week to discuss with members of the staff regarding space arrangements and other matters of a general nature.

Mrs. Edith Peterson, Drafting Section, is taking a vacation at Galva, Ill., during the month of August.

W. H. Hosterman, Farm Management and Costs, is back at office after spending two weeks at Spring Mills, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kast, of the New York City staff, left Saturday to take leave at Albion, N.Y. Mr. Kast will return to duty about August 20 but Mrs. Kast will be on leave without pay from then until September 1.

Miss Margaret Charters, Land Economics, will be on leave until August 10.

Miss Mary Sullivan, Periodic Reports, spent last week in Atlantic City where she went to "smell the air", as the Egyptians say.

W.L.Evans, Fruit and Vegetable Division, left last week by automobile for his home at Lee Center, New York, where he will be on vacation until August

Mrs. Mary Fullam, Periodic Reports, has been on leave for the past ten days.

Miss Ingerborg Gronvold of the Foreign Section is on her vacation at Beach Haven, New Jersey.

Miss Agnes Wilson of the Graphic Section has returned from a vacation spent at Kewanee, Indiana.

Wm. E. Lewis went last week to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, where he is working out the details for inspection of cannery tomatoes. This service will be in effect at certain canning plants, Princess Anne and other points.

Miss Margaret Matheson, Statistical and Historical Research, is at Elkhorn Wis., until August 21.

Foster F. Elliott, Farm Management and Costs, is taking an extensive field trip to the West Coast stopping in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Kansas and Illinois. Mr. Elliott will confer with officials of State Agricultural Colleges with special reference to the possibilities of adjusting wheat production to avoid surpluses. He will also obtain examples in specific areas of adjustment which may prove profitable under prevailing or probable prices of wheat.

Miss Nellie Burkhart, of the Division of Land Economics, will spend her vacation at her home in Ozark, Ohio, from August 7 to September 4. Mrs. Lois T. Green will also visit her home in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania from July 31 to August

Miss Mildred Fossler, Mails and Files, will take her vacation next week, which she plans to spend at Roxbury, Mass., until early in September.

Miss Stella J. Young, also of Mails and Files, will be on leave the first two weeks of August.

Mrs. Estelle J. Smith, Hay, Feed and Seeds spent last week at River Bend, Va.

J. W. Bray, Telegraph Section, will take annual leave at Stanardsville, Va., for the next two weeks.

Miss Idabel R. Kirksey, Grain Investigations, will be away for the next two weeks.

Additions to the clerical force in Washington include the following:- Charles E. Wise, Jr., who is assisting Joseph Irvine with telegraphic reports of shipments; Mrs. A. R. Bowman and Mrs. M. V. Smith, temporary appointees, who are helping with the heavy work on inspection certificates in Mr. Robb's section, and Miss Esther Eisert, from the clerical pool, who also is working on certificates. Mrs. Lucy A. Stiegle has been appointed as a stencil cutter for Mr. Clay and Mrs. Rebecca Garrison is helping temporarily with stencil cutting.

Miss Alice M. Addison is spending a vacation at Solomons Island, Md.

Miss Helen Grier, Statistical and Historical Research, is taking annual leave from July 29 to August 14.

Mrs. Esther B. Lyvers, Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool, has gone to her home in South Dakota for several weeks, on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Hilda Lantz, Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool, is taking two weeks at Hagerstown, Md.

Mrs. Marie Beacham, Grain Division, will leave next week for a fortnight's vacation.

Mrs. Mary Ethel Rice, Fruits and Vegetables, spent last week at Harrisonburg, Va.

J. G. Cross expects to leave about August 4 and confer with railroad officials in practically all of the southeastern States, from Virginia to Louisiana. He may be absent a month. Important cities to be visited include Norfolk, Va.; Savannah and Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La. Arrangements for shipment reports on fruits, vegetables and peanuts will be strengthened, and unload reports in terminal markets will be looked into. Lettuce-shipping points in North and South Carolina will be included in Mr Cross' itinerary, for the purpose of reconciling differences between shipment and unload reports of this product.

C. M. Lancaster, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is taking a vacation in Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raum of the Graphic Section are spending a vacation at Colonial Beach, Virginia.

L. A. Hallam, grain sampler in the Indianapolis office is the proud possessor of a baby girl whose birthday was July 15.

Harold Anderson, supervisor of the Baltimore Grain office has been enjoying a trip by motor to his former home at Buffalo, N. Y. and vicinity.

A.V. Swarthout who resigned April 1, to accept a position with a commercial firm at St. Johns, Newfoundland, returned to Washington Monday and has been reinstated in the Division of Cooperative Marketing. We are glad to have Mr. Swarthout back in the Bureau again.

M.R. Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, leaves Wednesday for a week's travel to New York and Pennsylvania where he will confer with officials of agricultural colleges, experiment stations and others regarding a cooperative study of the production of market hay.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

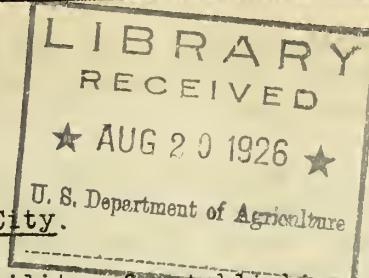
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## 1. Live Poultry Survey

Under Way in New York City.



To determine the advisability of establishing a market news service on live poultry in New York City and to complete arrangements for a comprehensive study of the live poultry industry in that city, Mr. Olsen, together with Roy C. Potts, Rob. R. Slocum and Charles E. Eckles of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, conferred with representatives of the live poultry trade and with the Attorney General of New York State in that city last Monday and Tuesday. Earl R. French, Executive Secretary of the New York Food Marketing Research Council, and Walter P. Hedden representing the Port of New York Authority, were also present at the conferences.

The more immediate purpose of the conferences was to arrange for a survey of the possibility of establishing a market news service on live poultry. If conditions warrant, the Bureau will very likely establish a market news service for this commodity somewhat comparable to the Bureau's service for other commodities. Messrs. Slocum and Eckles remained in New York to make a thorough study of this aspect of the subject. They will consider the problem from the standpoint of (1) the availability and adequacy of statistical information on prices, receipts, stocks and movement of live poultry; (2), the extent to which grades for poultry are now employed, the present system of grading and the possibility of establishing a grading and inspection service by the Bureau in cooperation with the trade and other agencies. This preliminary survey will throw light on the possibility of establishing a market news service together with a grading and inspection service for the poultry industry.

The project also involves a comprehensive study of the New York live poultry market. In this study of the following aspects of the live poultry industry in New York will be given special attention; study of the factors determining the price level for live poultry; practices and other factors which affect free and open competition in the live poultry market; factors affecting the demand for live poultry products; losses incurred in the marketing of live poultry in New York and, finally, a study of the adequacy of the terminal facilities in New York for the handling of live poultry.

It is the expectation that these studies will indicate ways and means for improving conditions in the New York live poultry trade. Arrangements are being made for the employment of Dr. F. A. Buechel, formerly of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, in the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products to take charge of the longer time project dealing with the broader phases of the live poultry trade, in cooperation with the New York Food Marketing Research Council.

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2. "HIGH" AND "LOW"  
TO BE USED WITH DISCRETION.

Writers in the Bureau should avoid the use of such expressions as "high prices," "low prices," "high freight rates," etc., in our market letters, releases and other publications.

"High" and "low" are relative terms. Experience in agriculture has proved that what seems high in one period may seem low in another. The swing in potato prices during recent years illustrates the difficulties of judging as to the basis from which the expressions "high prices" and "low prices" can safely be derived.

There is a tendency to speak of the low prices prevailing today but no one knows whether these prices will look low or high in the light of what may happen during the next five years. We hope the reports we are issuing will be of use to students for that length of time, and longer. Such phrases as, "falling prices", or "lower prices" usually will be better to express the thought.

3. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION  
FOR RADIO WRITERS ANNOUNCED.

The Civil Service Commission will receive papers for unassembled examinations for Writer (Radio) and for Home Economics Writer(Radio) at salaries of \$2,700 a year. Both men and women may enter these examinations, but for the position of home economics writer (radio) women are desired. Duties will be to adapt agricultural or home economics subject matter for effective radio presentation; to inject interest into the radio programs; to assume responsibility for providing attractive program material to broadcasting stations; and to originate plans which will interest farmers and women in making application of information obtained by radio.

Competitors will not be required to assemble for examination but will be rated on education and experience, specimens of writings for broadcasting or publication and practical test. Specimens of writings are to be submitted with application for entrance to the examination.

Applicants should write for copy of this announcement, No. 263, and for Form 2118, stating the title of the examination. Applications must be on file at Washington not later than August 24.

4. EDITOR OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS  
WANTED FOR SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Civil Service announces an open competitive examination for Editor of Scientific Publications, for vacancies in the Secretary's office and in positions requiring similar qualifications, at an entrance salary of \$3,000 a year. Duties will be to analyze the content of scientific and technical manuscripts; to determine the accuracy of data and conclusions; to suggest ways and means of improvement from a literary standpoint and of strengthening the publication from a scientific standpoint; and to scrutinize typographical details of printing form and style.

Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated on practical tests in editing, and on education and experience. College graduates are required to show additional graduate work. Applicants should apply for copy of this announcement, No. 276, and for application blank Form 2118. Applications will be received until September 7.

5. ARE YOUR LEASED WIRE  
MESSAGES BRIEF?

The attention of all field offices is directed especially to the congestion of the leased wires of the Bureau. Great difficulty is being encountered in handling the traffic on the Eastern, Livestock and Western circuits particularly. The greater part of the leased wire traffic consists of material used in conducting the market reporting services and it is primarily for these services that the leased wire system is maintained. The livestock market reporting service has been expanded beginning July 1 of this year and there is a growing demand for more and more information to be sent by telegraph by the other market reporting services and the general activities of the Bureau, with no increases in the trunk lines of the leased wire system. A recent survey of the leased wire traffic indicates that many messages could be reduced in length and at the same time accomplish the purpose sought. It is believed that much of the material written for transmission by leased wire is not prepared with the same care as to superfluous words that is followed in preparing messages for transmission by the commercial telegraph companies. This criticism seems to be particularly applicable to market reviews and market comments, although it is frequently applicable in miscellaneous messages.

Everyone preparing messages of any kind for transmission by leased wire is requested to be brief. Unless this is done, the situation will continue to grow worse, with the inevitable result that some drastic action will have to be taken to reduce the volume of business where it can be handled with the speed required to maintain the reporting services upon a high standard of efficiency.

6. REQUEST TO SPEED UP  
DAY'S OUT-GOING MAIL.

There has been a growing tendency on the part of some of the Divisions to let the mail accumulate, sending it all at one time to the Reviewing Section as late as 3:30 or 4 o'clock. Such a congestion of mail near the close of the day makes it impossible for the reviewers to handle it in time for the last mail, which goes to the Department Post Office at 4:10.

An arrangement has been in effect for some time under which some one is on duty in the Reviewing Section until 5:00 or later to send the late mail direct to the Post Office. However, a number of the Divisions are cooperating with the Reviewing Section by sending in letters throughout the day as rapidly as they are prepared. It would be appreciated if the other Divisions would adopt the same practice, in order to avoid the necessity of having to send such a large proportion of the mail to the Post Office after 5:00 o'clock.

Because of the congestion of mail in the last hour of the day, it will be necessary in the future for the reviewing clerks to hold over until the next morning letters of minor importance. All mail that is received before 4:00 o'clock will go out that day, but after that hour, only letters of importance will be sent to the Post Office.

7. MARKET REPORTING SERVICE  
RESUMED AT ST. JOSEPH, Mo.

The recent restoration of the Bureau's Livestock and Meat Market Reporting Service at St. Joseph, Mo. has met with a hearty welcome on the part of interests represented at that market. J. D. Hale, formerly of the Chicago livestock office, is now at St. Joseph and in a recent letter to Washington was quite enthusiastic over the cooperation he is receiving from everyone at that market. The Stockyard Journal, published at that point, devotes daily a full column on its front page to publication of the Bureau's reports. This not only adds materially to the service rendered to its readers by the Stockyard Journal but greatly increases the circulation of the Bureau's livestock reports without expense to the Bureau.

8. CUMULATIVE LEAVE EXTENDED TO EX-SERVICE  
MEN AND WOMEN FOR 1927.

Arrangements have been made whereby ex-service men and women may accumulate leave in order to attend the convention of the American Legion in Paris, France in 1927. In P.B.A. Circular No. 40 is explained a recent act of Congress which authorizes the granting of extended leave in the calendar year 1927 for such employees in the event they wish to attend the Paris convention. This is provided for by pyramiding the amount of unused 1926 annual leave to that of 1927, enabling plans to be made in advance and this year's leave conserved. It is to be regretted that this announcement came so late in the present year that plans have been made in most cases to spend a great part of this year's time allowance.

9. ALWAYS DATE MEMORANDA AND NOTES.

In referring letters from one Division to another, a memorandum or reference slip or plain piece of paper usually is attached, bearing the name of the person or the Division to which the letter is being sent. It is important that the date always be included on the slip, so as to show exactly when the letter left the referring Division. Otherwise, someone in the receiving Division may be wrongly blamed for delay in handling correspondence. Here is an actual example: A certain letter was received in the Bureau on July 21. It was held in the receiving Division until August 2 and then referred to another Division, but the slip attached to the letter bore no date. The employee who answered the letter was taken to task by his project leader for waiting two weeks before answering. He knew that he had had the letter only two days, but could not prove his statement because the reference slip bore no date. The blame lay with the original receiving Division. It is only fair to date all reference slips.

10. DAIRY DIVISION EXPANDS TO  
NEW SPACE ASSIGNMENT.

Moving in the Dairy Division is in progress and by Friday it is hoped to have the painting completed and things all set for more efficient working conditions. They gave up two rooms on the west side of the building and took over the space vacated by Agricultural Finance and the offices on the east recently occupied by Miss Jordan and her staff of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, by J. G. Cross and by Carroll F. Duvall.

Mr. Potts will be located in Room 427, in the southeast corner of the fourth floor.

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11. MR. MUELLER RESIGNS  
TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Mr. Werner A. Mueller, Junior Marketing Specialist of the Livestock Meats and Wool Division, has tendered his resignation effective August 31. Mr. Mueller came into the Bureau early in 1918 and has been connected with the wool standardization work, where he has performed excellent service in economic studies of marketing, distribution and manufacture of wool. He plans to attend school at Davenport, Iowa in the near future and we wish him the best possible success in his future career.

12. MR. FUNK TRANSFERS  
TO TARIFF COMMISSION.

Warren C. Funk, has been transferred to the United States Tariff Commission, as Associate Economic Analyst. Mr. Funk entered the service of the Office of Farm Management thirteen years ago, having been furloughed in 1923 for a year to assist the Tariff Commission with a fruit investigation. As Associate Economist in the Division of Farm Management and Costs he has been engaged in planning and supervising specific projects and studies in cost of production and in general economic studies in farming. He has proved efficient in the performance of his duties at all times and our good wishes go with him in his change of position.

13. MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN JULY.

The following manuscript was submitted to the Division of Publications during July:

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 100: Official Standards of the United States for Grades of Wool and Wool Top

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Callander, W. D.: Official Crop Reporting System of the United States. For Northwestern Miller.

Davis, W. C.: Two Kinds of Competition. For National Provisioner.

Marshall, W. K.: Pretzels and Pretzel Flour. For trade journals.

Sherman, C. B.: Poultry Raising a Big Industry. For Poultry Success.

Sherman, W. A.: Official Inspection of Potatoes. For American Produce Grower.

Yohe, H. S.: One Way the Bankers Can Help the Farmer. For Banker-Farmer.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 6 are:

- Advani, G. Étude sur la vie rurale dans le Sind (Inde)... [Montpellier, Impr. de la Charité (Pierre-Rouge)] 1926.
- Angell, J. W. The theory of international prices; history, criticism and restatement... Cambridge, Harvard university press, 1926. (Harvard economic studies v.28)
- Belgium. Office de l'assurance et de la prévoyance sociales. Les sociétés coopératives en Belgique. 1873-1922. Bruxelles, Etablissements généraux d'imprimerie, 1924.
- Boucraat, Bernard. Une ferme dans le pays d'Auge... Beauvais, Impr. Départementale de l'oise, 1925.
- British cotton growing association. Publication no.91. 21st annual report, 1925. Manchester, 1926.
- Canadian wheat pool. Year book, 1925. Winnipeg, Man., Canadian co-operative wheat producers ltd., Department of publicity and statistics [1925]
- Dillinger, J. L. Changing corn prices; or, Financial problems of the Corn Belt... [Avoca, Ia., Avoca publishing company, 1926]
- Fisher, I. Mathematical investigations in the theory of value and prices... New Haven, Yale university press, 1926.
- Fry, C. L. American villagers... New York, George H. Doran company [1926]
- Gt. Brit. Land registry. Land registration act, 1925. [15 Geo. 5, Ch.21] [London, Printed by Eyre and Spottiswoode, ltd., 1925]
- Norton, L. J. & Rickey, L. F. Market destinations of Illinois grains, July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1925. A preliminary report ... Urbana Ill., 1925.
- U. S. Government printing office. Style manual... Rev. ed. April, 1926. Washington, D. C., 1926.

15. NEW EMERGENCY ROOM  
NOW READY FOR USE.

The Emergency Room which has been located across the bridge in 200 14th street for the past few years, has been moved to 423, Beiber Building. The necessary painting has been done and the room is ready for use. This arrangement seems particularly desirable in view of the necessity of closing the bridge on Crop Reporting days, when the Emergency Room has not been available in case of illness. The key may be had from Miss Bertha Cooke, room 400.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

16. AN ARTICLE BY C. E. TROUT, originally published in the Milwaukee Journal, is reprinted in the book on Agricultural Journalism by its authors Nelson Antrim Crawford and Charles E. Rogers as illustrating an agricultural news story that is written frankly for farmers. It appears in a section that is devoted to the necessity of studying the viewpoint of the readers of the article under preparation, and is contrasted with one on an agricultural subject that was written for city readers.
17. SUPPLY AND POTENTIAL DEMAND FOR MILK IN NEW YORK CITY by R.E. Van Cise, William H. Marcussen and H.A. Ross, is a collection of papers presented before the third regular quarterly meeting of the New York Food Marketing Council. This work in New York City is in cooperation with the Bureau.
18. THE ECONOMIC LIMITS FOR THE COST OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION, LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO, is a mimeographed preliminary report by R.P. Teele of this Bureau and Paul A. Ewing, Bureau of Public Roads. This is one of a series of reports on irrigation studies.
19. U.S. STANDARDS FOR TABLE GRAPES (1926), an outline of standards recommended by the Bureau, is ready for distribution.
20. CALIFORNIA GRAPE DEAL (Season 1925), a mimeographed summary by C.E. Schultz is an exhaustive report issued in cooperation with the California Department of Agriculture. Auction prices by varieties, are furnished for the season. Copies are available.
21. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRAPES (1926) PACKED IN SAWDUST OR OTHER PACKING MATERIAL, has been mimeographed. This shall be the only grade applicable to table grapes packed in sawdust, granulated cork or any similar packing material. It shall not apply to any grapes unless they are packed in such packing material and plainly marked "U.S. Fancy, Sawdust Pack." Copies may be had.
22. U.S. STANDARDS FOR TABLE GRAPES (1926) may be had. These standards are drafted with especial reference to California grapes.
23. U.S. STANDARDS FOR BROOMCORN as effective July 1, is the title of a mimeographed pamphlet giving detailed description of the standards for grading and marketing as recommended by the Bureau. Quality and grade requirements are set forth, also a graphic outline of suggested procedure in grading. Copies are available.
24. THE CALIFORNIA PEAR DEAL (SEASON 1925)<sup>is</sup> a mimeographed summary by C.J. Hansen and O.W. Holmes of this Bureau, cooperating with the California Department of Agriculture. As a whole, the season was a disappointment following the most profitable year of the industry, 1924. Reasons for the loss in market demand are discussed. Tabular information is given for total production, shipments, prices, and exports in fresh and canned pears, for California and for the entire country.
25. THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN GROSS VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS AND INCOME from agricultural production are brought out in an article in the July Supplement of Crops and Markets (pp 226-230), recently distributed. Three separate studies are brought together. 1. The gross value of farm products. 2. The income from agricultural production. 3. Farm returns. S.W. Mendum is the author.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Dr. L. C. Gray and Dr. O. E. Baker, Division of Land Economics, have been invited to attend a conference to be held by the Social Science Research Council, at Hanover, New Hampshire, during the month of August. Dr. Gray will serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on Research in Agricultural Economics during the week of August 16-21. He will participate in discussions and will read a paper reporting on the research work in agricultural economics being carried on at the field experiment stations, in the Federal Bureau of Agricultural Economics and by the Association of State Marketing Officials.

Dr. Baker will serve as a member of the committee on Pioneer Belts during the week of August 9-14, and will read a paper on the merits of the Canadian Northwest as a region for a study on land utilization and land settlement. He will also take part in the discussions of this committee during the week.

During the week of August 16-21 Dr. Baker will be on annual leave. He plans to spend a day or two in the White Mountains, two days in the Aroostook potato region, and he may visit the Cape Cod Cranberry region for one or two days.

Edwin Smith, Foreign Representative from France who has been in the Washington office this summer, and E. C. Shoup, Statistical and Historical Research will attend the annual convention of the International Apple Shippers' Association at Buffalo, N. Y. August 10-12. They will meet with the Foreign section of the Association to discuss methods and conditions of exporting American apples.

August 13 Mr. Smith will attend the summer meeting of the New York State Horticultural Society at the farm of its president, at Stuyvesant Falls, and give an address on American Apples and Export Markets.

August 16 to 20 Mr. Smith will visit orchards in Albemarle County, Virginia, followed by general fruit growers' meetings at Staunton, Fisherville and Winchester and Charlottesville, Va. These appointments will be filled at the request of the Extension Horticulturalist.

Leaving Buffalo, Mr. Shoup will continue by motor to Boston for a few days going later to Vermont where he will join his family for a vacation "down on the farm". He expects to be away until early in September.

H. R. Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, will leave this week for Indiana, where he will confer with M. H. Overton with regard to the cooperative study in adjustment in production being conducted in the northern part of the State. In Illinois and Iowa Mr. Tolley will confer with statisticians in reference to cooperative farm management work.

Charles E. Gage leaves tomorrow by automobile for a trip through Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio for a close study of the tobacco-producing sections. The information gathered on this trip will be used to make up a new tobacco type map, the last issue being of 1912. Hal F. Bryant, Agricultural Statistician for Kentucky will accompany Mr. Gage from Washington and H. M. Taylor will join them at Richmond, Va. and go with them to Bristol, Tenn., where they will be met by G. L. Morris. This study will require three weeks.

Mr. Marquis is leaving Saturday for about three weeks' motoring through the Middle West.

W.M. King, Hay, Feed and Seed Division, leaves tonight for Green Bay, Wis., where he will conduct a hay inspectors' training school for the next two weeks. Later, Mr. King will go to Chicago and Kansas City to confer with representatives of the Bureau, arriving back in Washington about September 1.

H.W. Samson, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization, is in Providence today where he will remain the rest of the week conferring with regard to the U.S. Grades for apples.

Charles F. Sarle, Crop and Livestock Estimates, was in southern Maryland last week gathering historical records where he reports considerable progress unearthing prices for old manor houses in that section. He will go this week to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and the New England States to confer with agricultural statisticians and State officials relative to price statistics and improvements in methods. Mr. Sarle will be absent at least two weeks.

E.J. Murphy, Grain Supervision, went to Indianapolis to conduct a hearing today in a charge preferred by the Secretary against a licensed inspector. The inspector was charged with misrepresenting the grade of grain inspected by him.

G.H. Irish, New York City Inspections, spent a pleasant vacation of two weeks at Turner, Maine.

D.L. Floyd of Atlanta, Ga., and O. A. Day, of Lafayette, Indiana, Junior Agricultural Statisticians for their respective States, are in Washington for a period of two or three weeks' training and observation of methods used in the crop reporting work.

Robert Bier, Inspection of Fruits and Vegetables, conferred with State officials of West Virginia and Maryland, regarding shipping point inspection service when he went to Hancock, Md., last week.

D.W. Willingmyre, of the Wool work of Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will travel during the next three weeks to Philadelphia, Wheeling, W. Va., and Columbus, Ohio to secure samples of wool to be used in the official sets.

Jack Eakins, Truck Crop Specialist for California, is spending several weeks in the Washington office, familiarizing himself with methods used. Before he returns West, he will visit several of the important truck crop areas in the East.

Miss Olive Ford, Statistical and Historical Research, is spending two weeks very pleasantly at Ocean City, Md.

Joe T. Biffle, Marketing Cotton Division, has been taking a vacation at Piggett, Ark., for the past two weeks.

Miss Mary B. MacVicar, Dairy and Poultry Products, is enjoying a short stay at one of the beaches in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Doris McLean, Library, will return Monday from a delightful two-weeks' trip to Minnesota.

E.B.Ballow, K.B.Gardner, and J.H.Lister, Cooperative Marketing, are on field trips and will cover cities as far west as Ft. Worth, Texas to make additional study of the practises of cooperative associations using a common selling agency in terminal markets. In his recent trip to the Coast, Mr. Gardner found many features in the organization of such concerns that are worthy of study in this connection.

C.H.Robinson of Oklahoma, Hal F. Bryant of Kentucky and E.C.Paxton of Kansas, Agricultural Statisticians in those States came to Washington to serve on the general Crop Reporting Board of August 10,

D.M.McCandliss, Regional Cotton Statistician for the southeastern States, and L.L.Janes of Louisiana were also in Washington to act as members of the Crop Reporting Board issuing the cotton report of August 9.

F.M.Lyle, who has had charge of the Food Products Inspection Service in New Orleans since returning to the Bureau on June 1, is being permanently transferred to Chicago. G.W.Winfrey will go to New Orleans to take care of the work at that place.

E.C.Parker, Hay, Feed and Seeds, was in New York last week to inspect a steamer cargo of alfalfa hay from the Pacific Coast. While there, Mr. Parker conferred with members of the hay inspection service.

W.B.Combs, Grain Supervisor at Buffalo, has returned from a recent vacation trip with his family and reports a pleasant time.

R.W.Davis, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization, made a trip to Salisbury, Md. and Laurel, Dela., last week in the interest of standardization of cantaloupe crates.

Harold Anderson, Grain Supervisor at Baltimore, Md., with his family took a vacation in and around Buffalo this summer.

We join our congratulations with those of the Fruit and Vegetable Division for J.C.Townsend, Jr., who married Miss Sarah Mikell Legare at Charleston, S.C., last week. Mr. Townsend will go to New York City to assist with inspections.

Miss Katherine I. E. Hicks, Land Economics, is at her home at Canandaigua, New York, recuperating from an operation for appendicitis.

A.F.Nelson of the Portland grain office has been reported on vacation during the past week.

Invitations have been received in the Bureau for the wedding of Harold A. Wheeler, son of W.A.Wheeler and known to many of us through his connection with our organization, first as a messenger boy for three summers (1917-18-20) and later as Radio Laboratory Assistant.

Harold, always a student of radio reception and broadcasting, has through his inventive genius become an expert in his line and now has an important position with a New York firm, and at the same time is taking graduate work at Johns Hopkins University.

The bride-to-be is Miss Ruth Gregory, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Luther E. Gregory. The wedding will take place at All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, August 25. Congratulations!

Miss Lillian Feldman, Mails and Files, leaves the first of the week for Niagara Falls, by boat down the St. Lawrence to Quebec, thence through the White Mountains, to Boston and New York where she will meet members of the musical profession. Miss Feldman a mezzo-soprano of great promise as a pupil of one of the leading instructors in Washington, has appeared in special concerts recently.

Mrs. Ruth K. Naff, stenographer-clerk in the Nashville, Tennessee office of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has resigned her position effective August 6.

Miss Ouida Stovall of the Tabulating and Computing Section is leaving shortly for a month's vacation in California, part of which time will be spent in visiting her sister.

Announcement has just been received of the marriage of Miss Alice Lillian Golze of Crop and Livestock Estimates to Ralph D. Jennings of Farm Management. Sincere wishes for happy life together are extended.

M.R. Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, plans to leave the latter part of the week for a trip through the cotton growing States to organize a study of the production of snapped and picked cotton.

Miss Anna M. Elder, Farm Management and Costs is enjoying several days annual leave at this time.

C.E. Gibbons has returned to his desk in the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division after spending a delightful month fishing in Lake Cameron, Fenelon Falls, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Gibbons reports fine weather and excellent fishing during his trip. He caught 13 muskellunge, 2 of them weighing around 6 pounds apiece. In addition he caught a sufficient number of bass to keep his own table and that of some of his neighbors well stocked with that delicacy.

Changes in the Telegraphic personnel assignments in the past few weeks include the appointment of Hugh Whitesell to the Pittsburgh Livestock office on July 26. After three years of excellent service, Luke E. Hinton, of the Kansas City branch resigned July 31 to accept a position with the Kansas City Star. A. L. Fisher, has been transferred from Wichita, Kansas to fill the position formerly held by Mr. Hinton. On August 1, G.S. Smith went from the Denver office to handle the work at Wichita.

Edward F. Fay, for several years employed in the St. Louis office as assistant grain supervisor, resigned, effective July 31. Mr. Fay will enter the employ of the Marshall Hall Grain Corporation as grain expert. In his new work, Mr. Fay will be associated with J.M. Chilton former grain supervisor at Kansas City, and with W.J. Niergarth, a former member of the Inspection Survey Committee.

Miss Sybil Cooper, Periodic Reports, goes this week to her home in Villisca, Iowa for her annual vacation. She will enjoy three weeks visiting with her family and friends.

Miss Louise Bowdler, Cooperative Marketing, is spending this week at Bleumont, Va.

Mrs. Ethelinda Walton, Dairy and Poultry Products, left last week for ten days at Fairhaven, Md.

Philip Rothrock is being transferred from the St. Louis Grain office to New York City, his future headquarters. This change will become effective about August 16.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. H.A.Harris will be interested to learn of the arrival of a daughter, Barbara Francis, on July 22. Mr. Harris is the Fruit and Vegetable representative at Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Julia Collier, Fruit and Vegetable Division, is enjoying annual leave for two weeks.

Arnold Graham of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division is taking two weeks vacation. Mr. Graham has as his guests some friends from his home in Indianapolis.

Miss Hilda D. Lantz of Livestock, Meats and Wool Division is enjoying two weeks on vacation in Hagerstown, Md., where she is visiting her sister.

Herman Conway of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division is being congratulated upon the arrival of a baby girl on August 4.

Miss M. A. Kelly, Livestock, Meats and Wool, left Washington August 6 for Virginia. Beach where she will spend a week.

J.C.Gilbert, Division of Information, plans to go on his annual vacation trip starting Thursday. He will go to Michigan, by automobile, for three-weeks' camping. With Mrs. Gilbert and Ruth, he is looking forward to roughing it de Luxe!

Miss Eliza Barksdale, Grain Division, will take her vacation trip this week. She will motor to New England for a short stay and return from Boston by boat.

Mrs. Torey L. Wright, Section of Periodic Reports, is planning a delightful vacation into Canada where she will visit her sister. Leaving Saturday she will remain until September 7.

Miss Ellen McCallister, Marketing Livestock Meats and Wool, leaves the last of the week to enjoy a vacation until September 7, at Lebanon, Pa.

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In consequence of the additional space acquired by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, the Crop Reporting Board room has been moved to the fourth floor of that building. The light and ventilation are better and the computing force will have ample room adjoining the Board room. The bridge connecting 200 14th Street with the Bieber Building will not be closed on Crop Board days as heretofore.

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Columbus Dispatch: The oats crop, Crop Statistician West tells us, must have rain at once; the wild variety can get on a long time without water.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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## 1. LONDON COTTON STAPLE CONFERENCE REJECTS PROPOSED STANDARDS.

According to a cable received from Mr. Tenny, the cotton conference held at the American Embassy, London, on the adoption and use of universal standards for length of staple, adjourned without accepting the proposed standards.

The conference was called by Secretary Jardine in hopes that an agreement might be reached. It was believed that with the present agreements relating to the universal standards for grade and color working so smoothly, it would be wise to go a step further and adopt universal standards for the length of cotton fiber. It may be that later on useful results will grow from this meeting which was well attended by the European Cotton Associations, American Cotton Shippers' Associations and members of the Bureau.

The majority of European interests promised to submit at a later time, a statement of their reasons for rejecting the plan. A minority were in favor of an early agreement. The next biennial meeting under the present agreements relating to the universal standards for grade and color, will be held in Washington in 1927.

## 2. STORAGE OF CANNED FOODS UNDER WAREHOUSE ACT AUTHORIZED.

Canned foods are now included in the list of commodities which may be stored under the U.S. Warehouse act, according to regulations promulgated by the Secretary August 11.

This is in answer to requests from various organizations during the past two years. Petitions have been sent the Secretary urging the promulgating of rules to store these products under the law, so that the benefits of the warehouse act might be made available to those engaged in the canning industry. Proper financing, it is believed, will relieve growers' associations and canners whose present financing ability is somewhat limited from being forced to dump their packs on the market when the market is already loaded.

The regulations are so worded as to improve warehousing and canning methods and to safeguard the interests of those accepting the warehouse receipts as collateral for loan purposes. Likewise, it will be necessary for many canners to improve their pack and to live up to definite standards and grades. Careless and indifferent methods, and failure to observe grade will not be tolerated. All products are to be inspected by federally licensed inspectors before they enter storage, and if they do not meet with the regulations the warehouseman will be prohibited from accepting them. An attempt is made to improve conditions and to place the canning industry on a sound basis.

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT ON GRAIN INSPECTION APPEALS.

During the fiscal year 1926 a total of 42,371 appeals were filed with the various offices of Federal Grain Supervision under the United States Grain Standards act, appealing from the grades assigned to grain by licensed inspectors. A Federal Appeal grade certificate was issued for each lot of grain handled on appeal. The inspections appealed from were found to be correct in 51.2% of the cases.

The appeals divided by grains are as follows: Wheat, 29,391; Corn, 8,484; Oats, 2,767; Rye, 1,405; Grain Sorghums, 188; Feed Oats, 86; and Mixed Feed Oats, 50. The Duluth office led in the number of appeals handled, with a total of 13,150 appeals. There were 609 appeals referred to the Board of Review at Chicago, and 10 to the Board of Review at Portland, Ore., for final determination as to grade. The Chicago board sustained the grade objected to in 82.9% of the appeals. The Portland board did not change any grades.

The majority of the appeals covered carlot shipments, although 21,007,954 bushels in cargoes were covered by appeal grades. The charges for the appeals which were not changed in grade amounted to a little more than \$42,000, or an average of about one dollar for each appeal filed. No charge could be made for the 48.8% of the appeals which changed the grade of the grain, as the law provides that the deposit shall be refunded when the appeal is sustained.

The appeals section of the Grain Division in Washington handled a total of 10,949 separate checks and money orders, which were sent for collection through the Disbursing Office of the Department.

Grain samples which accumulate in the field offices in connection with their work are condemned and sold by a board of survey in each office. Such sales, during the fiscal year 1926 amounted to \$8,254.17, which was turned into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

### 4. FARM MANAGEMENT DIVISION STUDIES DEMAND FOR PEACHES.

The metropolitan New York demand for peaches is to be studied by M.R. Cooper of Farm Management and Costs, in cooperation with the New Jersey State College of Agriculture as a part of the general survey of the fresh peach industry in the United States which has been under way for some time. This special part of the study is to analyze the factors influencing the price of peaches on the New York market and to determine the importance of these factors in the establishment of price levels; to evaluate the cost elements entailed in the distribution of peaches from shipping point to the New York market, treating specifically the items of freight, refrigeration, unloading, storage, dealers' commissions, exchange commissions and such other items as are deemed important; and to calculate variety and grade differentials at various price levels in comparison with varying volumes of supply.

Basic data including figures on prices, sales, costs and supplies will be obtained from the records of New York peach dealers, and this data will be analyzed through the application of statistical and engineering methods. The results will be interpreted with a view to their practical application.

5. INJUNCTION AGAINST TRADING RULES  
DISMISSED BY U. S. COURT.

On Thursday, August 12, Justice Bayley of the United States Court for the District of Columbia, sustained the motion of the Government to dismiss the injunction petition of S.A. Gerard & Co. and Leonard, Crossett & Riley, Cincinnati. They sought to restrain the Secretary from putting into effect the plan of cooperation with the fruit and vegetable trade, which involves the issuance of approved standard trading rules and the signing of contract by shippers and handlers of perishables agreeing to trade in accordance therewith.

The proposed contract has now gone to the public printers and the Department intends to lose no time in putting the plan into full operation.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF MANUFACTURING IN  
RURAL LOCALITIES BEING STUDIED.

One of the latest studies to be undertaken by the Bureau is a survey of the effect of manufacture development on the welfare of rural population. This study is being made by the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life cooperating with the Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station. The purpose being to determine in what ways the development of manufacturing in a rural region is helpful to the population, and what ways it is harmful.

The welfare of rural population in regions in which manufacturing has developed will be analyzed and compared with regions where manufacturing has been extensively developed, and also with regions in which little or no manufacturing has been done. The survey method of collecting data first hand from the residents will be employed, C. E. Allred is in charge of the field work.

7. PLAN FOR FINANCING COTTON  
SEED INDUSTRY BEING DEVELOPED.

In an endeavor to work out a plan for financing the cotton seed industry, H.S. Yohe spent the forenoons of August 11 and 12 in conference with the Federal Reserve Board, the deputy governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, bankers from Mississippi and a committee of cotton seed crushers and cotton oil men. Indications are that a financing plan will be developed, the basis of which will be collateral in the form of warehouse receipts issued under the United States Warehouse act.

Mr. Yohe presented to the conference the salient principles in a draft of regulations on which he is now working. These regulations proved acceptable in every detail to the Federal Reserve Board representatives, to the bankers, cotton oil men and warehousemen.

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The statement in Paragraph 5 of The B. A. E. News of August 3, regarding the location of Mr. Sherman and Mr. Stillwell was not correct.

Mr. Sherman now occupies Room 501, while Mr. Stillwell, with Mr. Boree and Miss Moore, occupies Room 502.

8. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 13 are:

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Des Moines, Pub. by the state of Iowa [1924]

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New York [etc.] McGraw-Hill book company, inc., 1923. (Agricultural  
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portation of milk and cream. Hearings... 69th Congress, 1st sess.  
on H. R. 11768... June, 1926. Serial L. Washington, D. C.  
Govt. print. off., 1926.

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entitled "An act for the reorganization and improvement of the  
foreign service of the United States". Hearings.... 69th Congress,  
1st sess. on H. R. 10167 and H. R. 11203... March 10, 1926....  
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tration and license for the fruit and vegetable industry. Hearings...  
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U. S. Dept. of commerce. Bureau of mines. Mineral resources of the  
United States in 1925 (Preliminary summary)... Washington,  
Govt. print. off., 1926.

9. VISITORS IN LONDONUSE BUREAU OFFICE.

A report from Edward A. Foley, Agricultural Commissioner at London, states that the following had made use of that office recently:

Dr. Geo. B. L. Arner, Division of Statistical & Historical Research. Dr. Arner left London for Liverpool and Scotland during the week-end, but is expected back in London at the end of the week.

James Goodwin Hodgson, Librarian - International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Appointments arranged for Mr. Hodgson at the British Ministry of Agriculture, and also with Prof. Ashby in Oxford. Frederick G. Cottrell, Director, Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory. Arranged for Dr. Cottrell to meet the U.S. Naval Attache and others. William I. Holt (Cotton Division). Mr. Holt returned to London for a conference with Mr. Foley. He expected to leave that day for Berlin and Bremen.

10. MR. BEHNKE LEAVES SERVICETO ACCEPT A COMMERCIAL POSITION.

The resignation of C.H. Behnke, supervising inspector at Wenatchee, Wash., will become effective August 20. Mr. Behnke will go with a large fruit-shipping firm in the Northwest. This news is received with regret as he has rendered excellent service during the three years he has been with the Division, chiefly in Chicago and on shipping-point work.

J.E. Dickerson, of the Cincinnati office, is being transferred to Wenatchee to fill the vacancy in the inspection work.

11. MR. BELSER RESIGNS FROMATLANTA WAREHOUSE OFFICE.

Crawford W. Belser of the Atlanta, Ga., Warehousing office, resigned effective August 15 to take a position with a licensed warehouse firm at Florence, Ala. Although in the Bureau only six months, Mr. Belser performed excellent service and gave promise of becoming a valuable assistant to the staff.

12. SOUTHWESTERN TRADE FAVORSOFFICIAL HAY STANDARDS.

At a recent meeting of the Southwestern Claim Conference, Dallas, Texas, the following resolution was adopted:

"The official hay standards adopted by the United States Department of Agriculture, September 1, 1925, is a further extension of Federal activities in the grading of farm products and it is the opinion of the committee that this conference should cooperate with the Department of Agriculture so as to assist in the universal establishment of these Federal standards in buying and selling hay which will indirectly benefit the carriers through a reduction in the number of shipments of hay rejected by consignees account alleged inferior grade."

13. PACKING INDUSTRY MAKES CORDIAL  
COMMENT ON LIVESTOCK NEWS SERVICE. AT OMAHA.

"It is a pleasure to comment on the market news service of the Department of Agriculture. The establishment of the Omaha office was a mark in trade history. It gave order buyers information on competitive markets, and I, as well as my men, have studied these reports and wish to highly commend the Bureau for its accuracy. The recognition of the service by the various packing officials throughout the United States who fill orders through our company, and the issuing of daily bulletins with quotations based on actual sales, serves as an authoritative guide for both the buying and selling side of the order buying business."

14. P.B.A.CIRCULAR NO. 39  
ANNOUNCES BOOKKEEPING CHANGES.

To further explain instructions from the General Accounting Office regarding proposed changes in bookkeeping, P.B.A. Circular No. 39 of August 6, has been issued. This circular is of interest to the Administrative Staff, including the Division of Audits and Accounts.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

15. COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, is discussed in Dept. Bul. 1414 by A. W. McKay and W. J. Kuhrt, with emphasis on management problems. The smaller associations that handle fruits and vegetables were kept in mind in preparing the bulletin. This is a welcome addition to our growing collection of publications relating to cooperative marketing, now much in demand.

16. GETTING EDUCATED ON QUACK GRASS is the title of an ~~story~~ story by M.S. Crosby appearing in two installments of Better Crops-the July and August numbers. "A true story that reads like fiction" is the editor's comment, of the story telling how a farmers' bulletin was used in a very practical way. Twenty acres infested with quack grass were reclaimed for the farmer and a college course provided for the son, by his application of the methods given in Farmers' Bulletin No. 1307.

17. THE BUSINESS SET-UP OF COOPERATIVES is the subject of an address by Chris L. Christensen, before the Second Session of the American Institute of Cooperation, at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, June 21, 1926. This address has been prepared in mimeographed form and may be had upon request.

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The Cincinnati office of Federal Grain Supervision reports a saving of \$2.50 on 25 gallons of gasoline and 10 quarts of cylinder oil by purchasing through the Post Office Department.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Dr. E.L.Kirkpatrick returned yesterday from Cornell University where he went early in July to teach courses in Sociology. He reports interesting sessions.

After returning from Virginia this week, Edwin Smith will make preparations for his return to England. He plans to sail August 25 on the S. S. President Harding, and will again make the American Embassy, London, his headquarters.

Miss Bertha Henderson of the Division of Land Economics will be on vacation leave from August 17 to September 13. She will spend the first two weeks at an island cottage near Portland, Maine, and then plans to take an automobile trip into the White Mountains.

H.W.Hawthorne, Farm Management and Costs, left Sunday to go to Tennessee, where he will supervise the farm business survey to be conducted in that section. Later, Mr. Hawthorne will go to points in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas to engage in similar work, and will be absent from Washington about three weeks.

F.G.Robb began two weeks' vacation last Monday when he started by automobile for Springdale, Ark. He had covered 316 miles at the end of the first day out.

Friends and co-workers of Mrs. A.M.B.Peake, formerly of the Grain Division will be interested to learn that she has left the Homeopathic Hospital where she has been for the past year, and now is at the Home for Incurables, Wisconsin Avenue and Tilden Street. She would welcome visits from her former companions in the Bureau.

W.C.Hacklaman of the New York Fruit and Vegetable office returns to duty today after enjoying several days' vacation at Knightstown, Ind. W.V.Stephens begins his annual leave this week, while Frederick Wolfarth will be absent the remainder of the month. A.W.Moloney, also a New York Inspector, has returned from his two-weeks' vacation.

Word has been received that Foster F. Elliott, Farm Management and Costs, was successful in a recent examination for his Ph. D. degree. Heartiest congratulations, Dr. Elliott!

Miss Helen Vorrhees, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is enjoying a month's vacation at her home in Baldwinsville, N.Y.

Miss Ruth Griffith, Crop Estimates, is taking three weeks' annual leave.

Harry G. Shaffer, Crop and Livestock Estimates, who has spent several days at Oakland, Md., will return to the office this week.

Miss Helen Hyatt, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is spending a pleasant vacation at West Lynn, Mass., returning September 7.

L.D. Howell of the Oklahoma A. & M. College is in Washington for a month to work with the Division of Land Economics on a study of farm tenure. A year ago Mr. Howell spent several months as special investigator for the Division on this project.

Robert M. Roudabush, Marketing Cotton Division, has gone on to Houston, Texas to consult with cotton merchants, brokers and others with a view to securing reports of sales and purchases of cotton including prices paid. He will get other information to aid in effecting improvements on the methods of quoting prices and differences for cotton.

Laurence L. Cumberland of the State of Maryland, has been appointed as Junior Administrative Assistant, effective August 6. He will be connected with the Section of Audits and Accounts, to fill the place formerly held by Robert S. Albee, deceased, and have supervision of the accounting and auditing work of the Bureau, as Assistant to Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Cumberland attended the Pace School of Accounting in Washington, and has held positions involving accountancy with the War Department, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Interior Department. His most recent appointment was with the National Park Service at Yosemite, Calif.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Miss Helen L. Lee, Farm Management and Costs, in the loss of her mother who died yesterday morning after an extended illness.

Edmund Gaines, Telegrapher, has been transferred from Chicago to Denver, Colo., effective August 12.

Rowland B. Kennedy, of Kentucky, has been appointed as Assistant Tobacco Warehouse Examiner, at the Raleigh, N.C. office effective August 10.

He will make investigations to determine whether applicants for warehouse licenses are eligible. This will involve checking and auditing records of such warehouses; examining the suitability for licensing; interviewing warehouses and all employees to ascertain their fitness for such positions; handling questions pertaining to insurance; relations with bankers and conditions at the warehouses.

Having qualified in higher accounting, Mr. Kennedy has held positions with tobacco companies in the tobacco regions of Kentucky, North and South Carolina. It is a pleasure to welcome him into the personnel of the Bureau and he has our good wishes in his new work.

James V. Caldwell, Warehouse Division, is being transferred from Raleigh, N.C. to the Atlanta office, to succeed C.W. Belser, resigned.

Wm. M. Wheeler who reported in New York August 2, for instruction in meat inspection has completed his preliminary training and is being transferred to Chicago August 16, where he will make grade inspections of meat and meat food products.

John M. Aiken is being transferred from St. Louis to Galveston. The volume of work at Galveston requires the services of another grain sampler and Mr. Aiken will enter upon his duties at his new post the latter part of the month.

B. B. Jones, formerly a member of our F. & V. Division and more recently on the Wisconsin State staff, with headquarters at Madison, has resigned to accept a position as Secretary of the Agricultural Bureau of the New Orleans Association of Commerce.

W.F. Plummer, of the New Haven Fruit and Vegetable branch, will be absent from August 23 to September 7.

H.S. Irwin, Hay, Feed and Seeds, has returned from Madison, Wis., where he took graduate work at the University of Wisconsin during the summer sessions.

Miss Eunice Butterworth, Division of Land Economics, has been called to her home in Miami, Florida, on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Sallie F. Clower, Crop Estimates, is enjoying a vacation until after Labor Day.

Miss Mary Haden, Crop Estimates, is taking two-weeks annual leave during which time she is appearing in piano recitals in New York and other cities.

Miss Annabel Arendes, Crop Estimates, will return Wednesday from annual leave spent at one of the Chesapeake Bay resorts.

Mrs. June Hodgkins, Statistical and Historical Research, leaves the last of the week for Brunswick, Maine. She will spend three weeks in New England.

Mrs. Mildred White, Statistical and Historical Research, has gone for a two-weeks' stay at Colonial Beach, Va.

Miss Mildred Niles, Farm Population and Rural Life, is spending three weeks at Avon-by-the-Sea, N. J., as part of her annual vacation.

Miss Evelyn Hine, Personnel Section, had a delightful trip by boat to Boston, thence overland to her home at Cornwall, N.Y. for a visit of several weeks. She will return August 30.

Mrs. Cecile Linn, Standardization of Fruits and Vegetables, is taking the week on annual leave at her home here in the city.

Mrs. Edna Ragan, Farm Management and Costs, has returned from a pleasant vacation of two weeks at Harrisonburg, Va.

Mrs. Sue B. Parker, Farm Management and Costs, leaves Thursday for Livingston, Va., where she will spend two weeks of her vacation.

Miss Susie White, Division of Farm Management, is on annual leave in Virginia, where she will remain until September 7.

Byron Hunter, Farm Management and Costs, left Sunday to be gone five weeks through the Columbia River Basin to obtain additional data on farm prices in wheat production. While in that part of the West he will confer with State agricultural officials relative to a proposed study of the dairy industry.

Chris L. Christensen and A.V. Swarthout, Cooperative Marketing, were in Richmond, Va., Monday conferring with representatives of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Association regarding price and sales policies in cooperative marketing.

J. Kenney Miller, Marketing Cotton Division, has gone to New York City for about two weeks to assist in the handling of samples of cotton and other work incident to the classification of cotton tendered for delivery on future contract.

Mrs. Erma Dellinger, Tabulating Section, is spending her vacation at Piney Point, Md.

Miss Helen Fuller, Drafting Section, plans to leave the last of the week for Delaware Water Gap, Pa., to stay until September 7.

Charlton E. Myers, Supervising Draftsman, is taking a motor trip through the New England States, returning after the Labor Day holiday.

Clifford H. Cox, also of the Drafting Section, is enjoying two-weeks' annual leave at this time.

John L. Wilson, Statistical and Historical Research, is on leave for two weeks.

Mrs. Marie Tucker, Drafting Section, will take a vacation for the remainder of the month.

Mrs. Bertha Dunton, Library, will go on leave the last of this week, taking the remainder of the month.

Miss May Coult, Statistical and Historical Research, will be at Auburn, N.H. until September 8.

Mrs. Inger C. Layne, Statistical and Historical Research, will return Monday from a pleasant vacation spent at Wayzata, Minn.

Miss Katherine C. Dorrance, is taking her annual vacation, when she will attend her brother's wedding at Elizabeth, N.J. She will be away until Sept. 7.

E.C. Parker, Hay, Feed and Seeds, will go to Norfolk on Wednesday, in the interest of the hay inspection service being organized there.

Oscar Steanson, Assistant Agricultural Economist, left Madison, Wis., last Tuesday for Iowa where he will be engaged in analyzing data on livestock production in that State. He will make similar stops in Illinois and Indiana, and will come to Washington at a later date.

Mr. Marquis left Saturday for a trip by automobile to Buffalo, Port Huron, Ontario, and Detroit going later to LaFayette, Indiana to visit relatives. He expects to go further South before returning to Washington.

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Attn. Miss Trolinger.

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## 1. FOOD SHOW BY MILLING AND BAKING INVESTIGATIONS.

An interesting event of last week was the exhibition of bakery products featured Friday afternoon by Milling and Baking Investigations, Grain Division, under the direction of J.H. Shollenberger, in charge and W.K. Marshall, supervisor of the Baking Laboratory. The demonstration was prepared to acquaint Bureau members with some of the experiments conducted in the laboratory to determine how flours from various kinds of grain are adapted to baking purposes.

Bread, pastries and pretzels baked in the laboratory that morning from flour milled at the laboratory were attractively displayed. Because the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, guests were served with generous samples, much to their satisfaction. It was indeed a treat to taste the wares. Loaves of bread made from 100% whole wheat flour, from 2/3 whole wheat and from 1/3 whole wheat were shown; also white breads made from hard spring "patent", "straight" and "clear" flours; Angel Food cakes, pound cakes, Danish pastries and sugar cookies made from both hard and soft wheat flour in tempting array; and an assortment of pretzels from hard and soft wheat flours all were the handiwork of Ray Weaver, Experimental Baker.

Soft wheat flour, it was explained, make a product of fine texture and because of its delicacy is best suited for pastry uses. Bread is more satisfactory when made of hard wheat flours. These results are determined by grinding, sifting rolling and preparing the flour from grains received in the laboratory, and the Division is able to perform the entire manufacturing process. Elwood Hoffecker, Analyst, and James Hayes, Miller, grind as fine flour as can be made, which is used in milling and baking tests.

The Division moved to the fifth floor of 221 Linworth Building on July 1, and in the commodious quarters they are able to carry on their experiments to better advantage than before. The laboratory is equipped with machinery such as would be found in a flour mill. Baking facilities including a new loaf moulding machine, are provided for practical tests.

Mrs. Shollenberger who was present assisted her husband and the other members of the staff in receiving the visitors, who came during the afternoon.

## 2. DR. ARNER TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND.

A letter from Dr. Arner, who went to Europe in July to study the market demand for American corn, gives a report on conditions as he observed them.

"...I have been rather surprised to find conditions in England apparently better than I anticipated. The unemployment figures, while reflecting a serious situation, are somewhat deceptive. Until the coal strike there were at least as many people actively employed in British industry as before the War. There has been a considerable displacement of men by women in some industries, and while the head of the family may be out of work, other members are contributing to the family funds. The standard of living has been maintained, and in some places it probably is higher than before the War."

### 3. VIRGINIA DAIRY FARMS AND DAIRY PRODUCTION TO BE STUDIED.

To determine the amount of milk and milk products consumed in and around Richmond, Va., the sources of supply, and the distribution and use of these commodities, this Bureau and the Bureau of Dairy Industry have entered into a cooperative agreement with the Agricultural Experiment Station of Virginia Polytechnic Institute to study dairy farms and factors affecting economy in dairy products.

In the study will be included the organization and operation of dairy farms to determine the differences in farmers' earnings with special reference to the place dairying holds in the farm program. Also the handling of the dairy herd will be studied to ascertain the practices which will result in production at least cost or with greatest profit to the producer. Variation in feeding practices is another phase to be observed for the effect upon economy in production. Other methods will be observed to discover how farmers of the region might add to their returns.

A survey of farms will be made, while records of dealers will furnish other information, and arrangements will be made with milk and cream users in Richmond to furnish details of their purchases from farmers. M.J.B. Ezekiel will represent the Bureau in this project which is similar to the study of dairy production conducted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute last year. It is expected that the field work will be started some time this fall after the economic staff of the Institute concludes the survey of apple production now in progress.

### 4. FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR HAY PROMISED AT POWELL, WYOMING.

Under agreements between this Bureau, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and the Powell, Wyoming Chamber of Commerce, Federal hay inspection is to be inaugurated at Powell as soon as an inspector can be trained and licensed.

Leo L. Werts, of Powell, Wyoming, will be sent to Kansas City by the Powell Chamber of Commerce to receive training in Federal hay inspection from August 23 to September 4, with a view to qualifying for the position. Mr. Werts is a licensed Federal potato inspector at Powell and hereafter will make his business largely the inspection of both alfalfa and potatoes on the Shoshone project.

The Shoshone Irrigation Project, of which Powell is the commercial center, ships out from 1200 to 1500 cars of baled alfalfa a year. The greater part of this hay moves to Southwestern States, although this year a strong demand for Wyoming hay has come from the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, where drought has seriously affected the hay crop. The Powell community is very anxious to organize direct marketing of its alfalfa crop under U. S. standards and Federal hay inspection.

5. COOPERATIVE COTTON GINNING  
SUCCESSFUL IN TEXAS.

One of the most interesting developments of recent years in the field of cotton marketing is the cooperative cotton gin movement in Northwest Texas according to James S. Hathcock, Cooperative Marketing, who made a recent trip into that section. Two cooperative gins were organized in this section in 1920- and today there are twenty gins so organized, fourteen of which have operated successfully for one or more years and six of which are now being completed and will be ready when the ginning season opens about Sept. 15. Cooperative ginning is proving more successful than even its most ardent supporters anticipated - the grower is getting better gin service and at a much lower cost than formerly.

At present each gin society is a separate and distinct organization but there is considerable talk of coordinating the activities of all of them for certain purposes, buying supplies, selling seed, thereby effecting still more economies in behalf of the cotton grower. A report on this interesting movement is being prepared and will be released sometime in the future.

6. AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$3,800 A YEAR  
ASSOCIATE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$3,000  
ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$2,400

Announcement is made by the Civil Service Commission of the above examinations for vacancies in the Bureau, both in Washington and in the field. Competitors will not be required to report at any place for these examinations, but will be rated on education and experience, and on a publication, thesis or discussion to be filed with application.

A separate register of eligibles will be established for each of the following optional branches:

1. Cooperative marketing.	4. Farm management.
2. Farm Finance.	5. Crop forecasting.
3. Foreign competition and demand.	

The position of Agricultural Economist requires the planning, conducting and directing of research and investigational work in the particular field covered by the optional subject chosen; the establishing of contacts with State and other interests carrying on similar work; and the publishing of results of such investigations. Educational requirements are graduation from college with bachelor's degree, completing at least 118 hours of credit; one year of graduate work in agricultural economics; and at least four years of responsible experience in educational work or public service. Two years of the four must have been connected with the optional subject chosen.

Duties of Associate Agricultural Economist are similar to those of the above. Graduation from college with 118 hours of credit must be supplemented with three years' experience, two of which must have been directly connected with the optional subject chosen.

Assistant Agricultural Economists will be required to assist with research and investigational work in the field covered by the optional subject chosen; to assist in making contacts with State and other interests; and to assist in preparing for publication the results of investigations. Graduation from college with 118 hours of credit must be supplemented with two years of experience, one of which must have been connected with the optional chosen.

Applicants should apply for Form 2118 and a copy of this announcement. Applications will be received until December 30, but should sufficient eligibles be secured, receipt of applications may be closed before that date.

7. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 20 are:

Centro nacional de la industria lechera. Estadistica de la exportacion y comercio de productos de lecheria ... [Buenos Aires, Imp. Ferrari hnos, 1926]

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India. Indian central cotton committee. Technological laboratory. Results of spinning tests on standard Indian cottons. Bombay, G. Claridge & co., ltd. [1926]

India. Punjab. Registrar co-operative credit societies. Report on the working of co-operative societies in the Punjab, 1924/25. Lahore, Printed by the superintendent, government printing, 1926.

Iowa weather and crop bureau. ... Annual report for 1925... Des Moines, Pub. by the state of Iowa [1926]

Meredith, E.T. The agricultural background of the business outlook ... New York, N.Y., American management association, 1926. (The Meredith publications. Sales executives' series no. 30)

Miller's almanack and year book for 1926... Minneapolis, The Northwestern miller, 1926.

Minnesota. Laws, statutes, etc. Warehouse and grain laws of the state of Minnesota up to and including laws passed at the legislative session of 1925. St. Paul, Pub. by authority state of Minnesota, the Capitol, 1925.

National industrial conference board, inc. Road maps of industry, 1926 series. New York, 1926.

8. CROP REPORTING SERVICEESTABLISHED AT PORTLAND, ORE.

A cooperative crop and livestock reporting service conducted by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates in cooperation with the Extension Service, Oregon Agricultural College, with headquarters at Portland, has been established.

The object of this service, which is similar to that conducted in 28 other States, is to improve and extend the industry to special local needs, by furnishing reports issued by the Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau. H.C. Herbranson formerly Statistician at Grand Forks, has been transferred to Portland to handle this work as assistant to F.L. Kent.

## 9. SPECIAL SALES REPORTS

### ON FRESH PRUNES OF MUCH VALUE.

The special detailed reports on sales of prunes, which were inaugurated the first part of August in the Walla Walla-Milton-Freewater District, have proved of so much value to shippers in the marketing of that crop that arrangements have just been completed for a similar service on prunes for shippers in the Boise, Idaho, district. This service is unique in that shippers by voluntary agreement furnish the representative of the Fruit and Vegetable Division with a daily record not only of sales made but of quotations, cancellations of orders, rejections, allowances, the names of buyers and information with regard to billings of cars, including original billings, diversions, etc.

Even the detailed supplemental report on apples, which has been issued annually from Spokane for a period of years does not contain any information regarding rejections, allowances or cancellations.

The reports of shippers now being collected at Walla Walla and those later to be collected at Boise are summarized daily and a report is issued. This report is mailed only to the shippers who have entered the agreement to furnish the information, but a summary of the same is compiled and released for the information of growers, shippers and receivers throughout the country.

As soon as the service is started at Boise the detailed record of sales made in the two districts will be exchanged. The exchange of this information, together with the use of market prices and general shipment information as published daily at Portland is deemed of sufficient value so that the major portion of the expense connected with the handling of the reports is borne by the shippers and paid for from a fund secured by the assessment of \$1.00 per car for every car handled by each shipper.

## 10. CORRECT FORM FOR ORDERING

### PUBLICATIONS SENT ABROAD.

The Chief of Publications has requested in the future when ordering publications sent to foreign countries, please arrange to have the orders made in triplicate using Form #131 for the original and #132 for the duplicate and triplicate copies. This action is desired in order to facilitate the handling and record keeping required to properly apportion the cost of sending publications abroad and will tend to greatly expedite the process of notifying the Bureaus amount charged against our appropriation.

11. SOME MEMBERS OF THE FIELD FORCE have indicated considerable impatience with the amount of time required to obtain mimeograph work in Washington. All of the mimeographing and duplicating work of the Bureau, with the exception of a small quantity of urgent current material, is done at the Central Duplicating and Addressing Section of the Department, over which this Bureau has no control. That section is operating under difficulty, the volume of work having doubled or tripled in the past three years without any increase in force. The present situation is unsatisfactory, but is receiving serious consideration with the hope that some way can be found to take care of the increasing volume of work with the limited funds and facilities available. Field men should understand that considerable time must be allowed under the present conditions to accomplish any mimeographing job of considerable size. Current periodicals and reports which must be released on schedule dates are already taxing the facilities available.

12. FARMERS ELEVATORS IN MONTANA STUDIED  
FOR ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION.

In order to study the organization and operating methods of farmers' elevators in Montana, the Division of Cooperative Marketing has entered into an agreement with the Montana State College of Agriculture.

During this study particular attention will be given to such phases as variation of protein content of wheat, and affect of such variations on marketing methods; hedging; storage; costs of operation and handling of sidelines.

About twenty-five farmers' elevators will be selected to be studied. From these will be obtained information from books, records and audit reports which will show the data desired in this connection.

W.J.Kuhrt will represent the Bureau and will direct the study and assist in outlining a plan for a general survey of elevators in the State.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

13. EVOLUTION OF COTTON MARKETING, the special report by Dr. A.B.Cox, formerly of the Cotton Division, was published entire in the July number of the International Cotton Bulletin, the official organ of the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester, England. In pointing out that practices of the present system of cotton marketing are results of evolutionary processes, Dr. Cox traces the origin and indicates the development of these practices. He concludes by enumerates some unsolved problems now confronting the trade. Copies of this report may be secured upon request.

Miss Florena Cleaves of the Cotton Division, has ably assisted in preparing this report and on two studies now in the hands of the printer which discuss practices and problems bringing the study up to date. Since leaving the Bureau, Dr. Cox. has become professor in the School of Business Administration, University of Texas.

14. STANDARDS FOR WOOL AND WOOL TOP are found in Service and Regulatory Announcement 100 of this Bureau, now being distributed. Besides the public notice establishing the standards and containing the descriptions of them, this pamphlet contains a letter of approval by the Secretary of Commerce, and a short article on the development of wool and wool top grades by G. T. Willingmyre.

15. COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF TOBACCO IN WISCONSIN, a preliminary report by Geo. O. Gatlin, is the second of several on the cooperative marketing of tobacco. It is available in mimeograph form.

16. COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF BURLEY TOBACCO, by the same author, is the third of this series. Each report gives an historical account of the development and extent of cooperative marketing in a State or other recognized producing area. The first report of this group was for Maryland. Copies may be had.

17. IN THE FALL A BOWLER'S FANCY OFTEN TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF PINS and a meeting to organize the men's bowling league for the coming season will be held Monday, August 30, at 4:45 P.M., in Room 400, 1358 B Street, S.W. It is the aim to have an eight-club league this year if possible, so all Divisions interested in entering teams are urged to have a representative present. Unattached bowlers are invited to send their names and office addresses to E.E.Barber, Property and Supplies.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Olsen was in New York City on official business Monday.

Chris L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, went to Philadelphia last week in the interest of cooperative marketing of fluid milk, going later to New York City to discuss with the trade regarding pooling methods employed by the milk marketing associations in that city. He will address the cranberry growers at Wareham, Mass., today on the subject of cooperative marketing as applied to their product, and go to Boston before returning to Washington.

Dr. Frederick A. Buechel of Texas, has been appointed as Agricultural Economist, Dairy and Poultry Products, effective August 13. This appointment is made to provide for research in connection with phases of the live poultry trade in New York City, outlined in the NEWS of August 10 and other research work of the Division. Dr. Buechel will supervise the research studies including methods and practices employed in the distribution of dairy and poultry products, price trends and price determinations.

Receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin, in 1912, he later acquired his Ph.D. degree at the same institution. He taught at Eastern Teachers' College, Madison, S. Dak., was head of Agricultural Administration, Texas A. & M. College and is the author of a number of publications. Dr. Buechel has held several short-time appointments with the Bureau while at Wisconsin and in Texas.

Miss Bertie Brosee, Fruits and Vegetables, is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation.

A. J. Surratt, Agricultural Statistician, of the Springfield, Ill. office of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has gone to Grand Forks, N. Dak., for two weeks to assist Paul C. Newman arrange the work at that point. Mr. Newman was assistant to Mr. Surratt at Springfield, before going to Grand Forks.

J. F. Booth, Cooperative Marketing, left yesterday for a trip into Canada to study the development and present operation of the cooperative associations handling grain. He will determine to what extent the experiences gained by these organizations are applicable in the United States. Mr. Booth will confer with members of grain cooperative associations, wheat pools, cooperative elevators, and with government and agricultural college officials. He will be absent about two months on this study.

L. B. Burk, Livestock, Meats and Wool leaves the last of the week for Ronceverte, W. Va., to grade cattle in connection with the study "What determines quality in beef?"

Ross Chambers, Grain Division, has been transferred from Cairo, Ill., to assist with the work of the Hutchinson, Kansas office.

Mrs. Selva Robey, of the Machine Tabulating Section, spent part of her annual vacation at Piney Point, Md., where she enjoyed the salt water air and bathing.

Miss Edna M. Walker, Supervising Clerk, Transportation Section, has returned to the office after a vacation spent at Cape May, N. J., and at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

Miss Daisy McShane, Drafting Section, has had the good fortune to be invited on a trip abroad where she will visit with friends and relatives for several months. She sailed August 11 on the S.S. Suffren, and will go to France, Italy and Ireland.

C.G. Randell, Cooperative Marketing, will go to Manchester, Ind., to deliver an address at a farmers' picnic, tomorrow, on "The Cooperative-The Farmers's Business Organization." Leaving Manchester, Mr. Randell will go to Canada to spend several weeks in the interest of livestock marketing, as handled by cooperative associations. He will analyze particularly the terminal organizations, their present operations and how their methods may be applied to the existing conditions in this country. This includes accounting practices, financing stockmen and membership relations. Local shipping associations will be studied in a similar way.

Later, Mr. Randell will make a study of the lamb pool in Montana and Wyoming, as conducted by the National Livestock Producers Association. He will observe the organization and operation of the pool and its relations with the members.

C.A. Burmeister, Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will be in New York City, Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pa., to make arrangements to obtain market and slaughter data on Virginia cattle shipments.

Mrs. Robert Maginniss had a motor trip to several Atlantic Coast resorts recently.

Miss Chistina Gardner, Cooperative Marketing, is spending a short vacation at her home in Brockport, N.Y.

Mrs. Kathryn McCathran of Audits and Accounts was married on Saturday, August 14 to Mr. Rexford Buck. We extend best wishes to the happy pair.

R.R. Pailthorp, Fruits and Vegetables, will go to Cornelia, Ga., to address the State Horticultural Society on the grading and packing of apples. He will confer with peanut growers in the State while there, to interpret further the use of peanut grades.

G.O. Gatlin, Cooperative Marketing, plans to attend the meeting of the Georgia State Horticultural Society, also. He will discuss the work of the Division and the bill recently passed creating the new name and enlarging the work of the Division of Cooperative Marketing.

P.J. Keleher of Audits and Accounts left on Saturday to join Mrs. Keleher in New York City. From there they will visit their nephew Maj. Bagby, who is stationed at West Point, and other relatives, in the State.

Sterling R. Newell of Maryland has been appointed as Assistant Crop and Livestock Estimator, in the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, effective September 1.

Mr. Newell will report for duty in Washington and will directly assist C.E. Sarle in compiling price statistics gathered and published by the Division; in the preparation of price indices based on monthly farm prices and in research work in statistical methods.

He graduated from the College of Agriculture, University of Maryland, with the degree of B.S. in 1922, serving as Rehabilitation Assistant with the Veterans' Bureau, also with the Extension Service, University of Maryland, and as County Agent in Calvert County, Md., which position he leaves to come with the Bureau.

Miss Mildred Moore, stenographer in the Market News headquarters, motored to Ocean City, N.J., Saturday to spend three weeks' vacation at Jersey seashore resorts.

E.W. Stillwell, Fruits and Vegetables, expects to leave the middle of the week and be absent until after Labor Day. He will be on vacation at seashore points in New Jersey and New York.

J.M. McLaughlin of Audits and Accounts spent three days at Phoebus and Old Point Comfort, Va., visiting his grandfather who has been quite ill.

Hutzel Metzger, Cooperative Marketing, left yesterday for Philadelphia, and points in New Jersey and Maryland to confer with officials of the Interstate Milk Producers' Association, relative to their practices of marketing milk. This trip will last about two weeks.

Mrs. Sallie E. Watkins Ewin, Transportation Section of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has returned from a week's visit at Cape May and at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

Mrs. Louise Grigsby, Fruits and Vegetables, is spending part of her annual leave at her home in Kentucky until after Labor Day.

Miss Nina Moler, Tabulating Section, has returned from a delightful vacation spent at Niagara Falls and other points in New York State during the last month.

Mrs. William Baugh, also of the Tabulating Section, is back at her desk after an absence of several days annual leave.

Henry M. Bain, of the Secretary's Office, will be transferred to the Division of Cooperative Marketing, effective September 1. He will be engaged in research of the legal phases of cooperative organization as affecting buying and selling of products and supplies, credit and other phases of cooperation. He will make studies of State and Federal legislation as well as court decisions with a view to suggesting improvements in structure and procedure, as applied to cooperative marketing.

Mr. Bain graduated from the Law Department of Georgetown University and has been admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia. He has been connected with the Department since 1912, except for a while during 1917 and 1918.

Mrs. Alice Richey, Transportation Section, F. & V., is recovering nicely from an operation on her tonsils, we are glad to learn.

Mrs. Marguerite Emmert, Fruit and Vegetable Division, starts on her vacation this week, to be spent in Pennsylvania.

Congratulations are extended R. H. Shoemaker, Fruit and Vegetable Division, on his marriage to Miss Anna McLean. The happy event took place in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on August 3, and the honeymoon was spent in Ontario, Canada. Mr. Shoemaker is now in the Chicago office, but will proceed to Michigan very shortly to open up the news service at Benton Harbor and later at Grand Rapids.

A.E. Mercker will complete his period of service as Supervising Inspector in North Carolina by the end of this month, because the cooperative agreement between this Department and the State expires on August 31. Mr. Mercker again becomes a full-time Federal employee and will report for further duty in New York early in September.

Miss Margaret Olcott, Library Staff, is taking a month's vacation at Farmington, N. Mex., returning September 13.

Mrs. Bertha F. Meador, Property and Supplies, will take her vacation beginning this Saturday. She will be busy with preparations for the wedding of her daughter, Miss Irma Maybury to Lawrence Abbott, of Maryland. The happy event will take place on September 8.

Miss Maude E. Norup, Fruits and Vegetables, has returned from a delightful trip by automobile to Alexandria, Pa., and later to Illinois and Wisconsin, covering 2100 miles in the three weeks she was away.

Theodore C. Parker, Drafting Section, is enjoying annual leave at home and at Atlantic City until September 11.

Ira T. Black, Cotton Marketing Division, is spending three weeks at his home in South Carolina.

Mrs. Mattie Adams, Agricultural Finance, will be on leave until September 11.

Miss Esther Daugherty, Property and Supplies, returned to office Monday after taking a vacation at Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Miss Elna Anderson, who has been in the Berlin office for the past two years is sailing on the S.S. George Washington and will report in the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, on August 30.

William A. Schoenfeld, of the Foreign Section is returning from Berlin, also. He will arrive in New York September 3, on the S.S. Roosevelt, but probably will not be at the office before September 7.

G.A. Collier, Hay, Feed and Seeds, will leave Sunday with his family for a motor trip to North Carolina to place his daughter in Elon College for the school year. Before returning to Washington, Mr. Collier will go to Raleigh and other cities in that section to make preliminary arrangements for market news service on hay, feed and grain.

Miss Jessie D. Stratton, Statistical and Historical Research, has gone to Rochester, N.Y. to spend her annual vacation. She plans to remain there about four weeks, returning to Washington September 16.

K.B. Gardner, Cooperative Marketing, will go to Boston, New York, Hartford, Providence and Philadelphia this week to continue his study of common selling agencies in terminal markets.

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The usual midsummer epidemic of annual leave seems to have affected the Bureau during this month. Vacations planned for part of August and including Labor Day are most popular, according to Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Time Clerk of the Bureau.

Many people take leave around July 4, but as a rule, not so much extended time is taken then as in the early part of September. After the middle of September the number of leave slips decreases, but are more numerous again as Thanksgiving time approaches.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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## 1. MR. TENNY BACK FROM LONDON- REPORTS GOOD TRIP.

True to schedule, Mr. Tenny came back to the office Saturday morning after four weeks' absence to attend the International Cotton Conference at London. While in Paris he met foreign representatives of the Bureau for conference regarding the work abroad.

The trip, while essentially an official one, was a change and seems to have greatly benefitted Mr. Tenny by the enforced relaxation. In commenting on the cotton situation he feels the use of universal standards for length of staple, is still a project of paramount interest but the outcome, as yet, uncertain. It is felt, however, that progress has been made by the London meeting and that further hope may be entertained for the future.

In Paris, Mr. Tenny conferred with members of the Bureau stationed in some of the foreign offices: Asher Hobson, Delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome; George C. Haas, who has recently taken up the work at Berlin; and William A. Schoenfeld, who is returning to Washington next week from his two years' assignment at Berlin.

After a full discussion regarding the foreign work, Mr. Tenny feels very optimistic over the progress and plans for this phase of the Bureau's activities.

LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, will be observed as a Holiday in all offices of the Bureau.

## 2. RUSH CALL TO INSPECT 15 CARS OF EGGS AT NEW YORK.

In response to a rush call of less than 24 hours' notice, to inspect 4290 cases -16 lots- of eggs by 5 P.M. Friday, August 27, the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products wired Egg Inspector George H. Powers, at Philadelphia, to proceed to New York. J.M. Borders of the Washington office went to New York Thursday evening and together they assisted F.W. Folster, local Inspector, to handle this order, which was completed by 3 P.M. This inspection was made for Carl Ahlers, Inc., to help determine the particular lots which they would purchase at the price quoted. Leland J. Graham, who recently resigned from the Bureau, is manager of the egg department of the firm. The fees at \$2.00 per hour for this incomplete inspection amounted to \$28.00 as 5 cases were drawn for inspection, per 100 cases instead of the usual 15 cases.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library.  
Attn. Miss Trolinger,  
4 J Washington, D. C.

3. FIRST MONTHLY ESTIMATE ON  
BUTTER PRODUCTION BEING MADE.

The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products is receiving monthly reports on butter manufacture for July with encouraging promptness and it is believed the first preliminary estimate on production will be issued about September 10. For several years the Division has issued quarterly reports on the output of butter, but as these reports for more than 10,000 dairy firms are not readily available, there is need for a more prompt release on monthly manufacture. Various branches of the dairy industry have made urgent requests that the issuing of such a report be undertaken, but this was not possible until funds to expand the activities of the Bureau were provided by the last congress. A small group of representative firms in each State, selected because of their ready cooperation, has been asked to furnish monthly figures besides the regular quarterly report. These firms will give production for the current month, previous month and for the current month last year. It is felt that such immediate report issued within the succeeding month will be of great value, and the final complete report for each quarter will serve as a check on the monthly estimates. B.H. Bennett and Mrs. Buelah M. Cope have been added to the force to be directly responsible for the handling and the compiling of the monthly statement. To aid further in the tabulating of the reports, a Duplex 17-column Burroughs Adding machine has been installed. On this machine in one operation a complete compilation is made by firms for the total production-current month, last month and current month last year. This will greatly facilitate the work incidental to the release of these reports.

4. MR. CROSBY RESIGNS TO  
ACCEPT NEW ORLEANS OFFER.

After three years of excellent service, Henry T. Crosby, Associate Marketing Economist of the Cotton Division, has resigned effective August 30. He has been appointed to the purchasing department of the investment company of Whitney Central Trust and Savings Bank, at New Orleans, La., and left Washington this morning. He will spend a few days at his home in LeLand, Miss. en route and will report at New Orleans early in September.

Mr. Crosby has made field studies in the production and consumption surveys for the Bureau, and more lately has been connected with the Cotton Division. The past winter he represented the Bureau in its relations with New England manufacturers.

Our best wishes go with Mr. Crosby in the field of finance for which he has had special training. He says he will be glad to welcome his friends who may call when they are in New Orleans!

5. COTTON SEED ELIGIBLE FOR STORAGE  
UNDER THE WAREHOUSE ACT.

Another commodity was added to the list of agricultural products which may be stored under the United States Warehouse act, when the Secretary issued regulations on August 24, providing for the storing of cotton seed.

This action has been taken after extended investigation relating to the storage qualities of cotton seed and to the kind of structures and equipment required for proper storage. Many requests from the cotton seed trade and from bankers interested in financing this product have been filed with the Warehouse Division during the past several years.

Under the regulations, only what is known as "prime" cotton seed may be stored, and solely for commercial purposes. Every precaution has been taken to safeguard the receipts of this product for collateral purposes. Before the regulations were promulgated, a preliminary draft was discussed with cotton seed crushers, warehousemen, bankers and members of the Federal Reserve Board,

That the regulations make for sound collateral is evidenced from a ruling made on August 23 by the Federal Reserve Board. While the Board some time ago ruled that cotton seed, when stored under proper conditions, is a non-perishable, readily marketable staple agricultural product within the meaning of the Federal Reserve act, at a recent conference held in the office of the Board, it developed that cotton seed very frequently is stored in warehouses owned by the same people that actually own the seed.

Under previous rulings of the Board it was necessary in such cases for the warehouses to be leased to parties having no interest in the product in storage. This requirement could easily be met, but the Board's ruling also required that the borrower should not have access to the premises in which the cotton seed was stored. As cotton seed oil men are frequently the borrowers, and as cotton seed has a tendency to heat, if not of proper moisture content, they should have the right to inspect the seed from time to time to protect their own interests. This phrase the Board considered further and ruled on August 23 as follows:

"Bankers' acceptances secured by cotton seed stored in a warehouse owned by the owner of the cotton seed but leased to an independent public warehouse corporation under bona fide lease, the corporation assuming exclusive control and management of such warehouse and operating it as a public warehouse bonded and licensed under the United States warehouse Act, may be eligible for rediscount at a Federal reserve bank, although the owners of the cotton seed are permitted access to the seed in storage at proper and reasonable times for the purpose only of inspecting the condition of the seed, provided that on all such occasions the consent of the independent warehouse corporation is first secured and that the owner of the seed or his representative is accompanied by a proper representative of the warehouse corporation."

It is stated that the regulations are in complete harmony with the ruling of the Federal Reserve Board.

6. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending August 27 are:

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Edminster, L.R. The cattle industry and the tariff. New York, The Macmillan company, 1926. (Institute of economics. Investigations in international commercial policies)

Gt. Brit. Ministry of labour. Jute trade (Great Britain) ... London, H.M. Stationery off., 1925.

National league of commission merchants. Membership list ... issued July, 1926. Washington, R.S. French, 1926.

New York food marketing research council. "Fruit and vegetable terminal requirements" for the New York district. Proceedings of the Terminal conference held under the auspices of the New York food marketing research council June 14 and 15, 1926. New York, New York food marketing research council [1926]

Ontario. Agricultural college. Dept. of agricultural economics. Tobacco farming in southwestern Ontario; a survey of 230 tobacco farms in Essex and Elgin counties for 1925, by G.W. Michael ... Guelph, Ont., June, 1926.

Reference service on international affairs. European economic and financial publications. [Paris, Reference service on international affairs, 1926]

Scotland. Land court. Report by the Scottish land court as to their proceedings under the Small landholders (Scotland) acts 1886 to 1919, for the year 1925 ... Edinburgh, 1926.

U.S. Tariff commission. Tariff statistics ... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (69yh Congress, 1st sess. Senate. Doc. no. 154)

7. MR. HEARD RESIGNS  
FROM HOUSTON OFFICE:

Herman G. Heard, Junior Statistician of the Texas office of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has tendered his resignation, effective September 24, to take another position. Mr. Heard came into the service in October 1925, and during the short time he was with the Bureau he showed promise of becoming a valuable addition to the field service. Our good wishes go with him in his new work.

8. USE OF "CERTIFICATES OF QUALITY"  
GRANTED BUTTER FIRM AT CHICAGO.

An application received by the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, from Gallagher Bros. Chicago, for the use of Department "Certificates of Quality" has been approved.

Under the regulations, this firm will have all its butter inspected by the Bureau Butter Inspector at Chicago so that each package may contain a certificate to that effect, showing the quality and score.

This is an extension of the service the Bureau is giving one other firm in Chicago, a firm in Philadelphia, and the Land O' Lakes Creamery in Minneapolis. The service is available for eggs and cheese as well as for butter, and may be had upon request, firms that apply for the privilege agreeing to abide by the regulations of the Bureau. Benefits of this service are outstanding, particularly for advertising purposes.

9. F. EARL PARSONS RESIGNS  
COOPERATIVE POSITION.

Sincere regret is felt over the resignation of F. Earl Parsons, as a cooperative employee in charge of the Virginia inspection and standardization work. He leaves the service on August 31, to accept a position with Maynard & Child, prominent fruit dealers and exporters. It is understood that Mr. Parsons, for the present, will represent this firm in the apple-shipping sections of Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Fruit and Vegetable Division in May, 1917, and began his cooperative work in Virginia about four years ago, making a total of nine years in the Federal and State service. Our best wishes go with Mr. Parsons in his new position.

10. ASSISTANT CHIEF MARKETING SPECIALIST (COTTON LINTERS), \$3,800  
MARKETING SPECIALIST (GRADING COTTON LINTERS), \$3,000.

Until September 28 the Civil Service Commission will receive applications for examinations for these positions to fill vacancies in the Bureau. These positions are for service in Washington and in the field. The examinations will be unassembled and the prerequisites as follows: Graduation from college and at least six years experience handling and grading linters, for the position of Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist. Duties will be to serve as member of the committee on final inspection of the Standard Grades, comparing minutely each of the copies of the Grades before issuing to the public for commercial use.

Duties of the Marketing Specialist will be to assist the Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist with the final review work of preparing copies of the Standard Grades, inspecting such copies in use. In addition to the college work, four years of experience are required. For each year of college work lacking, an additional year of experience may be substituted.

A thesis submitted with the application is required. Application should be made for Form 2118, stating the title of the examination desired.

## BUREAU BREVITIES

11. COOPERATIVE LIVESTOCK SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS form the subject of Farmers' Bulletin 1502 now off the press. This supersedes Farmers' Bulletins 718 and 1292 which were the result of the work of many investigators and authors in the Bureau at the time those bulletins were issued. C. G. Randell is chiefly responsible for this revision which is a joint contribution from the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool and the Division of Cooperative Marketing.
12. MARKET CLASSES AND GRADES OF LIVESTOCK, fully illustrated, are described by C. E. Gibbons in Department Bulletin 1360, now off the press after many delays. This bulletin is somewhat general in character and is designed to be of practical as well as technical use. A footnote states that the schedule included in the bulletin is not the work of any individual but is the result of the best thought of the entire Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool combined with many helpful criticisms received from specialists outside the Government service and from members of the livestock trade.
13. MARKETING NEW YORK CABBAGE, (SEASON 1925-26) a summary by A. E. Prugh, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Farms and Markets, has been completed. In the review of marketing conditions, Mr. Prugh states the season was a highly satisfactory one for the producers and compensating prices with upward tendency ruled during the entire season.
14. WESTERN COLORADO ONION DEAL, Season 1925, has been mimeographed and is ready for distribution. This summary by J. D. Evers is the report of the market news service conducted by the Bureau and the Extension Service of the Colorado Agricultural College.
15. THE WESTERN SLOPE COLORADO POTATO DEAL, Season 1925, is another summary issued by the Bureau cooperating with the Colorado Agricultural College. The author is J. D. Evers who reviews the season as the most profitable one since the War.
16. A FARMERS' COOPERATIVE BUSINESS STUDY is published in Dept. Cir. 397, now off the press. In it, A. V. Swarthout analyses the business practice of the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association of Mississippi, with deductions designed to be of benefit not only to that association and its members but to other cooperatives as well. This circular is in rather a new field and it is planned that it will be followed by others of a like nature. It makes a valuable addition to the growing list of publications emanating from the Division of Cooperative Marketing.
17. WESTERN NEW YORK CELERY DEAL, (Season 1925-26) by A. E. Prugh, in cooperation with the New York State Department of Farms and Markets, was released under date of June, 1926. Comparative shipping data of this year and a year ago are given, by weeks. Data are also given from competitive shipping sections. Copies of this review are ready for distribution.
18. RELATION OF KERNEL TEXTURE OF WHEAT to several other factors forms the theme of Dept. Bul. 1420, now available. Its relations to physical characteristics, milling and baking qualities and chemical composition are included in the discussions. J. H. Shollenberger and D. A. Coleman are the authors.
19. DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR 389, PROXIMATE COMPOSITION OF BEEF, from the Bureau of Home Economics, gives specialists from this Bureau credit for cooperation in preparing this publication.

## HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Tenny will go to New York State the last of the week to return with his family by automobile after Labor Day.

A. W. Palmer, Cotton Marketing Division, returned from the London conference on Saturday, after an absence of four weeks.

W. F. Callander, Chairman of the Crop Reporting Board, went to Hagerstown, Md., August 28th, to address a group of about 20,000 farmers at a picnic at Conomac Park.

Miss Anna Dewees, Statistical and Historical Research, returned Monday from a 10-day jaunt through Virginia. Accompanied by her sister, Miss Dewees motored to Endless Caverns, Natural Bridge, Monticello and Skyland.

Dr. B. Youngblood Cotton Marketing, came back to Washington yesterday from an extended stay in the Southwest.

E.W.Baker, Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, left Sunday night for an inspection trip to the new livestock offices. He will be absent about three weeks.

S.A. Jones, Crop and Livestock Estimates is in camp at Chapel Point with the young men of his Sunday School class.

Charles F. Sarle returned last week from a trip through New York and New Jersey in connection with the collection of historical price material for Crop and Livestock Estimates.

We join with the Fruit and Vegetable Division in congratulating H.W. Samson upon his marriage to Miss Verne Lockwood, on August 27, in the rectory of Trinity Episcopal Church, Takoma Park, Md. They left for an automobile trip through Virginia. Mr. Samson will not return to the office until September 7.

F.N.Gist of Auburn, Ala., was a member of the Crop Reporting Board, of August 23. Mr. Gist was accompanied by his family and spent a few days sight-seeing in Washington before returning South by motor.

Miss Elna Anderson stopped off in New York upon her arrival from Europe, for a visit with her brother, Hilding Anderson, Economist with the Case Pomeroy Co. She is expected in Washington Wednesday.

Frank Parker of Raleigh, N. C., and C. S. Bouton of Little Rock, Ark., were in Washington to act as members of the Cotton Crop Reporting Board of August 23.

E.W.Stillwell, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, was not able to take his vacation at this time, as announced in last week's NEWS. He probably will go at a later date.

Miss Margaret Demaree, Crop and Livestock Estimates, will leave Friday to spend a few days in Cleveland, Ohio. She will then go to her home in Louisville, Ky., returning to duty the first of October.

Neil M. Goen, Crop Estimates, in the role of Sergeant at the encampment of the National Guards, has been teaching the boys how to swim for the past ten days. He is to return from military leave early this week.

W.H.Stanton, of the New York City Market News Service, was a caller at the Washington office Monday, while in the city on his annual vacation.

Miss Dorothy Logan, daughter of E. A. Logan, Statistician, at Columbia, Mo., stopped off in Washington last week for a visit with the Washington personnel, Crop and Livestock Estimates. Miss Logan was on her way home from Europe, where has been for several months.

G.D.Clark, Fruit and Vegetable Division, will complete his vacation September 2, having spent the time at Laurens, Iowa.

We are glad to report G.M.Beeson, Navy Inspector at Brooklyn, has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be back at office.

J.B.Shepard, Crop and Livestock Estimates is spending a few weeks, with his family at the Crop Estimates Cottage at Eastport-on-the-Severn near Annapolis, Md.

Miss Annie H. Alves, Audits and Accounts, leaves on Tuesday for an absence of four weeks. She will make a short visit to her sister in Louisville and spend the remainder of the time at her home in Henderson, Ky.

Mrs. Herbert Munroe, Crop Estimates, with her husband, will spend the next two weeks in Asbury Park, N. J., and New Britain, Conn., visiting the home of Mr. Munroe.

Miss Hollinger of Crop and Livestock Estimates is spending this week visiting relatives in Philadelphia, and seeing the Sesquicentennial. She will motor to Boston, and return to Washington after Labor Day.

J.W.Park, Farm Management and Costs, leaves today for Kentucky where he will assist in preparing for publication material collected in a cooperative study of farm organization and management in the southwestern part of the State. Later, Mr. Park will proceed to Louisiana to confer regarding the proposed cooperative work in farm management. He will be absent about three weeks.

H.E.Earp, Grain Division, has gone to Camp Roosevelt on Chesapeake Bay where he will stay for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. E.A.Dacey, of the Drafting Section, will go Saturday to Lake Sunapee, N.H. for a vacation of three weeks.

As a result of recent changes in desk space in the Annex, 200-14th Street, I. W. Shoemaker's Crop and Livestock Estimates is now located in room 302, telephone 65.

Announcement has been received in the Fruit and Vegetable Division, of the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jean, on August 16 to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Conklin, Jr., at Fresno, Calif. Mrs. Elizabeth Estes, of the Washington office, and her husband also announce the arrival of a daughter, Frances Elizabeth, on August 19.

L.B.Burk, Marketing Livestock, Meats and Wool, has gone to New York, Jersey City and Philadelphia to make gradings of fresh meats in connection with the study under way, "quality of meats."

Miss Bertha Fowler, Audits and Accounts, returned Monday morning from a vacation trip to Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Montreal and Quebec. She returned by the way of Lakes George and Champlain and the Day Line on the Hudson, to New York. Miss Fowler is enthusiastic about the beauties of the trip.

Mrs. Bessie G. Cheatham, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is taking two weeks vacation at Suffolk, Va., going on to New York by boat. Returning she will stop at the Sesquicentennial at Philadelphia and go to Atlantic City for a short stay. She will be accompanied by her son, Willie, whose diary was popularized by Mary Roberts Rinehart and published in the Saturday Evening Post last spring. Since then Willie has added further to his laurels by winning the \$100 prize for the best essay on "Why to to College".

After five years' absence, Wilborn D. Hobbs has returned to the Bureau and his friends are glad to welcome him back into the service.

A.B.Genung, Division of Information, spent several days last week in Vermont and will leave today for Syracuse to attend conferences with farm leaders and others. He will gather material relative to the agricultural situation for the use of the Department.

Miss Mayme Hilgendorf of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is wearing a most beautiful new diamond. The lucky man is Alvin Reichert of Wisconsin. The wedding will be sometime late in the fall, and Miss Hilgendorf expects to make her future home in her native state of Wisconsin, probably in Milwaukee.

F.E. Finley, Assistant Statistician at Las Cruces, N. Mex., will be transferred to Houston, Tex., to fill the vacancy in the Crop and Livestock Estimates office caused by the resignation of Herman G. Heard.

Clyde E. Iske of the Ogden Grain office, was handicapped at the beginning of his vacation through Yellowstone National Park by the loss of his pocket money, amounting to something over one hundred dollars. But to make a nice homecoming, the money was found and was waiting for him upon his return.

Miss Sara N. Steele, Audits and Accounts, has been called to LaFayette, Ga. on account of a serious accident to her brother-in-law.

A.V.Swarthout, Cooperative Marketing, left yesterday for an extended trip to the West Coast, to make business study of the poultry producers of Central California. This study is one of a series of cooperative business studies which the Division of Cooperative Marketing is making of individual cooperatives which have operated over a period of years. These business studies involve a detailed analysis and economic study of the organic set-up, operating, pooling, management and merchandizing practices and problems, as well as the membership relations and economic environment under which the association functions. In this part of its research program the Division of Cooperative Marketing aims to study by a case system the economics of cooperative organization and operation.

E.J.Way was in New York last week to confer with members of the Bureau regarding the tabulation of data gathered in connection with a study of the live poultry industry in that city.

L.W.Grandy, formerly of the Portland, Oregon, Grain office, has taken up his duties at Ogden, Utah, succeeding J.F.Welch as district supervisor.

Miss Sadie Stein, Miss Ida Pelzl, Miss Francis Gray, and Mrs. Mabel Evans, of Crop and Livestock Estimates, are taking a two week's rest, and Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Miss Julia Baum are spending two weeks in Atlantic City.

G.W.Payne, of the Boston Fruit and Vegetable office, is enjoying vacation, and W. F. Plummer, of the New Haven branch are enjoying annual vacations.

Miss Viola E. Culbertson, Statistical and Historical Research, has gone to Spruce Hill, Pa., where she will pass the next two weeks.

Miss Mamie I. Herb, Land Economics, will be on vacation at Snyderstown, Pa., until after Labor Day.

Mrs. Mary K. Talbert, Dairy and Poultry Products, is spending two weeks at Virginia Beach.

Frank Sweitzer, Grain Division, has returned from a delightful trip by automobile to the Cape Cod section of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Georgia K. Gregory, Dairy and Poultry Products, is enjoying a month's vacation at Owego, N. Y., returning September 13.

Mrs. Caroline E. Lacy, Fruits and Vegetables, is spending two weeks in New York.

Charles G. Carpenter, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is still ill at his home here. We hope he will soon be entirely recovered.

Mrs. Mercer S. Coleman, who supervises the Char Force in the new building at 300 Linworth Place, sailed on the S.S.Olympic for Belgium where she will attend an International Convention of her church. With friends she will go to England, France, Italy and Belgium.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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The afternoon of September 11 will be the last Saturday half-holiday for this summer. The full schedule of work will be resumed on Saturday, September 18.

## 1. DISTRIBUTION OF WOOL STANDARDS EAGERLY SOUGHT BY TRADE.

A conference was held in the Chief's office Friday when William Richardson, of the National Association of Worsted and Woolen Spinners at Philadelphia and J.J.Nevin, Secretary of the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers at New York, were in Washington.

They represented the trade in a discussion on the preparation and distribution of types of wool and wool top grades. Members of the industry are eager that distribution of the new standards be made at the earliest possible date. Mr. Olsen and Mr. Kitchen were present with C.V.Whalin, Head of the Division of Live-stock, Meats and Wool, and G.T.Willingmyre, Wool Marketing Specialist.

## 2. TRADING RULES BEING ACCEPTED BY HANDLERS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Up to last Thursday, signed agreements from over 300 handlers of fresh fruits and vegetables had been received in the Fruit and Vegetable Division. No better evidence of their desirability can be shown than the response of the trade.

Branch offices have been sent supplies of agreements and circular letters for distribution, but the demand has been such in several offices that they have asked for additional copies.

In a recent letter to Mr. Tenny, the Brownie Fruit Company, with headquarters in Los Angeles, wrote as follows:

"The privilege of affixing our signatures to the inclosed contracts affords one of the greatest events of our business career. We feel that your Department, by offering this scientific agency, means the commencement of a new era in the fruit and vegetable industry. It comes at a very opportune time, as the results obtained by the grower, shipper and receiver during the last several months have certainly been unsatisfactory, due principally to climatic conditions throughout the country. Assuring you of our desire to co-operate with you at all times and with best wishes for abundant success, etc."--

3. NEW DIVISIONAL GROUPSOF FEDERAL GRAIN SUPERVISION

Announcement has been made by the general field headquarters of Federal Grain Supervision that new divisional groups for offices east of the Rocky Mountains have been formed. There will be four divisions east of the mountains instead of five as heretofore. The new divisions are as follows:

EXPORT DIVISION (1)..... Philip Rothrock, Division Supervisor  
Headquarters: New York City.

This division includes the districts of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans and Galveston.

SOUTHEAST DIVISION (2)..... Clark A. Russell, Division Supervisor  
Headquarters: Indianapolis, Indiana.

This division includes the districts of Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Peoria, St. Louis, Cairo, Louisville, Nashville, and Memphis.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION (3)..... William P. Carroll, Division Supervisor  
Headquarters: Chicago, Illinois.

This division includes Duluth, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Toledo and Buffalo.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION (4) ..... E. L. Morris, Division Supervisor  
Headquarters: Kansas City, Missouri.

This division includes Sioux City, Omaha, Denver, Kansas City, Wichita, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth.

4. AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$3,800 A YEAR

ASSOCIATE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$3,000

ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST, \$2,400

The Civil Service announcement for the above examinations has been amended so that "registers of eligibles will also be established in a sixth optional branch, AGRICULTURAL HISTORY, for all the three grades.

ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.--Under the Educational and Experience requirement for Assistant Agricultural Economist, the provision for substitution of graduate work for experience is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Graduate work in economics, statistics, accounting and related subjects may be substituted year for year for the required experience, provided that at least one year of graduate work or experience, or a combination of graduate work and experience aggregating one year, must have been directly connected with the optional chosen."

Full further information in regard to these examinations is contained in original announcement No. 290.

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The latest F.B.A. Circular No. 43, contains a list and brief description of certain legislation enacted by the first session of the 69th Congress. These citations relate to the activities of the Department or are of general interest to officers and employees. The circular may be borrowed from the Division leader or head clerk as a copy has been sent to each Division. This list does not contain the Agricultural Appropriation Act.

5. CONTINUATION OF ROCHESTER REPORTS  
GAINS FAVOR IN THAT REGION.

The market news service on apples and potatoes at the Rochester, N.Y. Fruit and Vegetable office, was extended to May 31 this year instead of closing March 31 as usual. At the end of the season, H.S.Duncan circularized the mailing list to get the reaction of producers and members of the trade, as to the benefits of the extra two months' reports. Many letters were received praising the additional service, claiming it is as important to know the prevailing price and receipts of these commodities toward the end of the season as it is at the beginning. A few cars on the market in April would make as great a difference as many cars at the height of the season.

The following letter sent by a bank president, who is also a grower of fruit, expresses the sentiment typical of the replies received. Such satisfaction justifies the additional expense of maintaining the extended service:

"Your reports have been of great value to me always, for at the bank we are required to make loans against negotiable warehouse receipts and bills of lading on fruits and vegetables and it is imperative that I watch the market constantly.

I am shipping, individually, more fruit every year. This year it ran something over twenty cars. Of course the service is of great advantage to me in that way also. During the active peach and apple shipping season, I got your report off the radio every night that it was broadcast, planning my next day's shipments accordingly. This feature is very helpful.

I have found your special reports on apples in foreign markets interesting and believe I will be able to govern my own sales upon this information."

6. MR. STEPHENS RESIGNS  
FROM FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STAFF.

After nine years' effective service in the Inspection project, W. V. Stephens, Associate Regional Supervisor in New York City, has resigned to accept a position in the Northwest with the Atlantic Commission Company. It is understood that this company buys produce for The A. & P. Tea Company and others. Mr. Stephens was the supervisor of shipping-point inspection work in New Jersey and Maine in recent years and has assisted with various other deals, but most of his time has been spent on terminal market work, chiefly at New York. Regret is felt over his resignation, and our best wishes go with Mr. Stephens in his new position.

G. W. Payne, who also has been in the service nearly nine years, - practically all of the time in Boston, - is being transferred to New York City as successor to W.V.Stephens. Mr. Payne has been spending his vacation in Virginia and was a visitor to the Washington office last week. He plans to return to Boston about the 10th to make arrangements for moving to New York. He probably will reach New York about the 20th or 25th of the month.

7. DR. WOODS ASSUMES NEW DUTIES  
IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Tenny and Mr. Olsen were present at the ceremonies in the Secretary's office Thursday when Dr. Albert F. Woods took the oath of office as Director of Scientific Research in the Department.

Immediately following the ceremonies, an informal reception was attended by Division leaders and scientific workers of this and other Bureaus in the Department. Doctor Woods expressed astonishment at the number engaged in research now as compared with the small group when he left the Department sixteen years ago. In his talk commenting on the importance of agricultural research, Doctor Woods said,

"All organized business interested in agriculture has come to a realization that thoroughgoing research into fundamental problems is essential for continued prosperity in all lines. I have been on the outside long enough to realize that the Department of Agriculture is the greatest research organization in the world.

The increased interest in science on the part of the public is due largely to the special efforts of the press to present the results of research in popular form. Public appreciation of the need of continued research and its value to human welfare is necessary if such work is to receive the support required for its success."

Doctor Woods resigned as President of the University of Maryland to accept the place for which he was selected by Secretary Jardine. Sixteen years ago he left the Department after sixteen years' service, to go into educational work.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

8. COOPERATIVE MARKETING OF TOBACCO IN MARYLAND, a preliminary report by George O. Gatlin is the first of a series on this subject. The second of the series features the industry in Wisconsin, and the third is a report on the Industry in The Burley Tobacco section of Kentucky. These three are ready for distribution. Other reports included in this series are in preparation and will appear from time to time.

9. CHANGES IN THE UTILIZATION OF LAND IN THE UNITED STATES, 1919-1924, is the title of a preliminary report by Dr. O.E.Baker, who states the five-year period, 1919-1924, was one of the most extraordinary in the history of American agriculture. It is characterized as a period of unparalleled decline in price of most farm products, from the crest attained in 1918 and 1919 to the trough of the depression reached in 1921, and of slow and yet incomplete recovery. Copies may be had.

10. UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR SOYBEANS, prepared in the Hay Feed and Seed Division have been revised effective September 1. The slight changes made are based on the results of the application of the standards issued September 1, 1925, and on further studies of the soybean industry during the past season. The most important change made is the addition of a super grade, designated "U. S. Extra No. 1", to take care of high grade stock for which there is a demand from the seed trade. Copies may be obtained upon application to the Division.

11. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 3, are:

Agrarpolitische aufsätze und vorträge... hft. 7. Absatz und standardisierung landwirtschaftlicher produkte. Berlin, P. Parey, 1926.

Fairchild, F. R., Furniss, E. S., Buck, N.S. Elementary economics... New Yor, The Macmillan company, 1926.

Gumá and Jejer, Havana. Produccion azucarera... Zafra de 1925 a 1926. Resultado final... Habana, 1926.

Larson, H. M. The wheat market and the farmer in Minnesota, 1858-1900... New York, Columbia university, selling agents; [etc., etc.] 1926. (Studies in history, economics and public law, ed. by the Faculty of political science of Columbia university, vol, CXXII, no.2, whole no269)

Motz, W. H. Principles of refrigeration... Chicago, Nickerson & Collins co. [1926]

Tobacco growers cooperative association. Field service dept. Hand book for organizing agricultural communities, by Elizabeth Kelly, educational agent... Raleigh, N.C., Tobacco growers cooperative association, Field service department [1925]

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin. no.428. Marketing and competition in the Scandiavian countries, by F. A. M. Alfsen... Washington, Govt.print. off., July, 1926.

U. S. Bureau of the budget. Fifth annual report of the director... to the President of the United States... July 1, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Federal trade commission. National wealth and income. A report by the Federal trade commission in final response to Senate resolution no. 451, 67th Congress, 4th sess. agreed to February 28, 1923... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926. (69th Congress, 1st sess. Senate doc. no.126)

U. S. Interstate commerce commission. A preliminary abstract of statistics of common carriers for the year ended December 31, 1925. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Laws, statutes, etc. Cotton futures act with amendments and laws relating to cotton, comp. by Elmer A. Lewis... Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

This morning finds many of our personnel returned from various parts of the country where they spent vacations. From their "shining morning faces" it would seem they were considerably refreshed by their recreations and are glad to be back on the job again, with a new determination for accomplishment during the next year.

C. L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, went to New York City Friday to confer with regard to research in cooperative business methods.

Miss Catherine M. Viehmann, Editor of Crops and Markets, left Saturday for Swampscott, Mass., to visit friends there and motor with them through the Berkshires and the Adirondacks. She will be away three weeks.

M.H.Hess, Hay, Feed and Seed, left yesterday for Kansas City, Mo., where he will check over the office equipment and supplies damaged in the recent fire in the office there. It is necessary to adjust inventory records upon turning over the management of the office to E.O.Pollock, who was appointed to succeed G.F.Kellogg.

M.R.Cooper, Farm Management and Costs, has gone by automobile to McConnelsville, Ohio to spend a three weeks' vacation.

A.M.Agelasto, Cotton Marketing Division, left for two weeks' travel to investigate prices and quotations established for spot cotton by the exchanges. He will go to the ten spot cotton markets. - Norfolk, Va., Raleigh, N.C., Charleston, S.C., Savannah, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., New Orleans, La., Memphis, Tenn., Greenwood, Miss., Little Rock, Ark., and Houston, Texas, where he will secure information to assist in the proper enforcement of the Cotton Futures act.

C.A. Burmeister, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, left Washington August 28 for a two weeks' vacation to be spent camping and fishing in West Virginia on the south branch of the Potomac.

George Butterworth, with his family, is spending two weeks at Rehoboth Beach, Dela.

Dr. Frederick A. Buechel, recently appointed to the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products, has gone to New York City to take up the economic study of the marketing of live poultry there. This is the beginning of the research work which has been inaugurated in that Division.

Paul M. Williams, Warehousing Division, left last week for a conference with officials of the State Bureau of Markets and with the executive board of Wisconsin Pea Cannerys' Association at Milwaukee, relative to licensing warehouses for the storage of canned peas under the Warehouse act. He will stop in Chicago on his return to Washington to confer with insurance underwriters regarding insurance on warehouses for canned foods and stocks in such warehouses.

Mr. Tenny will not return to Washington until the last of the week.

E.O. Pollock, of the State of Texas, has been appointed as Marketing Specialist, Hay Inspection, effective Sept. 16, with headquarters at Kansas City, Mo., where he will have charge of the Hay, Feed and Seeds office, for the West Central Division.

Mr. Pollock will conduct investigational work in connection with improving the present official standards for hay, preparing standards for hay not now standardized, and training and supervising the work of the hay inspectors in that district.

After receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Missouri, Mr. Pollock taught in the Agronomy Department there, at the A. & M. College in Porto Rico, and at the Texas A. & M. College. He has held various assignments with the Bureau in the past two years. When G.F. Kellogg resigned, George Postmus handled the work at the Kansas City branch until the vacancy could be filled by appointment. Mr. Pollock will take charge of the office in Mr. Kellogg's place.

George Butterworth, Cotton Marketing Division, has returned from several weeks spent at Atlanta, Ga., Baton Rouge, La., and Greenwood, Miss. where he gave courses of instruction to cotton classers. It was necessary that the classers have this training in order to obtain licenses from the Warehouse Division and under the Cotton Standards act.

At Greenwood, Miss., twenty-five classers of the Staple Cotton Cooperative Association took the course of instruction and the indications are that the majority of them qualified in the final examination.

Miss Harriet S. Smith, Warehousing Division, has gone to Cincinnati, Ohio where she will pass the month of September visiting her old home and among friends in that vicinity.

S. W. Mendum, Information, went to Philadelphia last week to visit the Sesquicentennial Exposition for several days.

Word has been received of the marriage of W.D. Dover, of the Fort Worth, Texas Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, to Miss Helen Brown of Columbus, Nebr., on August 18. We hasten to extend our congratulations, to Mr. Dover and to wish them many years of happiness.

Carl Nagel of the Warehousing Division went to Charles Town, W. Va., last week to make a licensed warehouse inspection.

Mrs. Mabel Darroch, Farm Management and Costs, is enjoying a visit at Fort Wayne, Ind., for three weeks.

F.G. Robb, Fruit and Vegetable, Inspection Service, is expected back today from his vacation trip to Arkansas.

E.G. Parker, Cotton Marketing Division, is on a two-weeks' trip through the South to confer with officers in charge of the several field stations on the classification and certification of cotton. While away he will purchase cotton for use in preparing copies of cotton standards.

Miss Mary F. Carpenter, Library, begins her annual vacation this Saturday by leaving for Blue Ridge Summit, to pass several days. She will go to Warren, Ohio, for a visit before returning to Washington.

Miss Grace Robinson, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, left last week for a vacation at Dorchester, Mass. She expects to return by Sept. 20.

Miss Edra Heffner, of the Division of Livestock, Meats and Wool has returned from a visit at Erie, Pa.

Miss Cera L. Whitmer, Farm Management and Costs, has gone to points in the Shenandoah-Cumberland Valley to assist in compiling data pertaining to the study of the apple industry in that section. She will return in about three weeks.

Two employees of the Pillsbury Flour Mills are receiving training in grain grading at the Minneapolis Grain office. The course will require several weeks. Six of the salesmen connected with the Carter Mayhew Company, also of Minneapolis, visited that office recently to observe the detailed methods followed in assigning grades and determining dockage.

J.W. Tapp, Farm Management and Costs, left last week to assist in preparing for publication material collected during a study of farm organization and management in southwestern Kentucky. He will go later to Louisiana to confer with regard to proposed cooperative farm management work. He will be absent about three weeks.

On account of the serious illness of J.R. Duncan, Navy Inspector at San Diego, Calif., it has been necessary for C.R. Newton, Baton Rouge, La. to proceed to California to substitute for Mr. Duncan until such time as he will be able to take up his duties again. We regret to learn of Mr. Duncan's illness and trust he will show improvement at the next report.

Mrs. Sarah V. Tracy, Crop and Livestock Estimates, left Wednesday for Allentown, Pa., where she will visit her niece until Sept. 25.

Mrs. Mayme McPanell, Statistical and Historical Research, left last week for a visit at her home in Lexington, Ky.

Miss Pauline McDonnell, assistant to L.G. Michael, is taking a trip to California as her annual vacation. Returning about October 1, she will tour the Yellowstone and see other points of interest, en route.

Miss Violet Heinson, Information, is spending several weeks at her home in Maine.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a son on August 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Pecher, of St. Louis. Mrs. Pecher, it will be remembered, resigned from our St. Louis F. & V. office some time ago, after having served as clerk-typist in the inspection office for a number of years.

R. D. Conklin, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is spending his vacation at Tarrytown, New York.

Mrs. Betty P. Ashton, Personnel Section, is taking two weeks' leave which she will spend at Fredericksburg, Va., and other nearby points.

Robert L. Kause, Division of Cotton Marketing, is enjoying three weeks' annual leave, returning to the office September 25.

Miss Florence Lee of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division was away on leave for the past week. During her leave Miss Lee had the misfortune of being notified that one of her brothers had met with a painful accident. At this writing his condition is not much changed.

D. A. McCandless of Mississippi, H. H. Schutz of Texas, V. C. Childs of Georgia and S. T. Marsh of South Carolina are in Washington to act as members of the Cotton Crop Reporting Board of September 8.

Mrs. Helen A. Robinson, Farm Population and Rural Life, has gone by motor through the New England States and the mountains of northern New York.

Miss Muriel F. Wright, Library, is taking three weeks' vacation at Fergus Falls, Minn.

Miss Robbie Hay, Fruits and Vegetables, has returned from a motor trip through the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the party were Mrs. Compton and Dr. George K. M. George whom Miss Hay assists in working out plans for the establishment of a National Health University in Washington. Dr. George recently returned from the Holy Land and has since devoted a great deal of time to the establishment of Universal Peace.

Donald F. Christy, Junior Statistician for Ohio, is in Washington to act as a member of the Crop Reporting Board of September 10.

Mrs. Emily Fenton of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division will be on leave until September 18.

William F. Callander made a short trip to the Albany, N.Y. and Harrisburg, Pa., offices, last Friday.

Mr. Marquis is expected back from his vacation early this week.

W.C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, will be at Topeka, Kans., next week to assist in an exhibit of meat grades at the Kansas State Fair.

Mrs. May G. Bland, Cooperative Marketing, and Mr. Bland, have gone, by automobile for a visit at Mr. Bland's home, in Newton, N.C. They will be gone until September 20.

Miss Reba Craven, Statistical and Historical Research, is back from a delightful visit at her home in Ninevah, Ind.

Mrs. Florence Fitch, Statistical and Historical Research is passing the week at Ocean City, Md. while Mrs. Ruth Tucker is spending this week at her home in Clarendon, Va.

Edwin Crosthwaite, Fruits and Vegetables, is enjoying his annual vacation by motoring to Canada during the three weeks he is absent from the office.

Mrs. Mary B. Thompson, and Miss Annie Elder, Farm Management and Costs, are spending this week on annual leave.

Mrs. Anna P. Neel, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division is enjoying the week at Atlantic City.

M. A. Crosby and Ralph D. Jennings are leaving today to finish up the livestock study which they have been making for Farm Management and Costs. They expect to be in the South about a month.

Jack Eakins, Crop and Livestock Estimates, who has been in Washington and New York the past five weeks, has departed for his post in California via the southern route, where he will make several stops to inspect the various truck crop areas.

Miss Laura Embrey, Farm Management and Costs, will be absent on annual leave until September 11.

R. G. Hill, Fruit and Vegetable Division, goes this week to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey to investigate grades for cannery tomatoes.

Miss Alma Bertholf, Farm Management and Costs, has gone to Augusta, Ill., for three weeks. She will return about the 20th of the month.

Miss Anna L. Ericson, Cooperative Marketing, has returned from ten days' leave of absence.

On August 16 W. W. Wofford, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division at Los Angeles, Calif., was married to Miss Beatrice Evelyn Hohn, of Yorktown, Texas. We join with the Livestock Division our good wishes for a long and happy life together.

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## 1. 1925 YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTED

The 1925 Department Yearbook, now being distributed, is a special fruit and vegetable volume. It contains the Secretary's annual report, as usual, and more than 1500 pages of the usual Yearbook statistical matter, but the larger part of the volume is devoted to articles on fruits and vegetables including historical material relating to fruit and vegetable growing in this country, the present status of the industry, its marketing problems, agricultural methods and the economic factors that determine its development. Plant pests and diseases and methods of combating them are discussed. Recent progress in drying, canning, and pickling is reviewed, and the problem of utilizing surpluses and by-products is considered.

A. W. McKay, Division of Cooperative Marketing, H. W. Samson and R. R. Pailthorp, Division of Fruits and Vegetables, and L. B. Flohr, Division of Statistical and Historical Research are among the authors of the 90-page article on marketing fruits and vegetables; H. R. Tolley, Division of Farm Management and Costs, is one of the authors of the article on relation of the fruit and vegetable industry to other farm enterprises and L. B. Flohr, Division of Statistical and Historical Research is one of the authors of the article on horticultural manufactures. Members of the staff of the Bureau of Plant Industry contributed most of the other articles.

## 2. NEW FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION OFFICE TO OPEN AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

In response to many requests from shippers and receivers, the Fruit and Vegetable Division will open an inspection office at Charlotte, N. C., on September 21.

Should the demand in that territory be sufficient to justify keeping an inspector there, the office will be put on a permanent basis. The Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte has offered desk space and telephone service but during the first few weeks arrangements have been made to operate the office about four days a week from that point and the remainder of the time from Asheville. Bolling Hall, of the New York City staff will be in charge of the work, but to permit him to take his annual leave in short periods, Mr. Hall will work from Asheville over the week ends.

The following are among the principal cities in which inspections will be handled from this new office: Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Asheville, and High Point, in North Carolina; Spartansburg, Greenville, Anderson, Laurens, Union, Columbia, Darlington, and Florence, in South Carolina; Morristown, Elizabethton, and Johnson City, Tennessee; and Danville and Lynchburg, Virginia.

3. DATES FOR HAY INSPECTORS'  
TRAINING SCHOOLS ANNOUNCED.

The Hay, Feed and Seed Division has arranged two schools for training Federal hay inspectors during the coming fall. The first will be held at Kansas City beginning Monday October 11. The second will be held in Washington beginning Monday November 1. Each school will continue for three weeks.

The Kansas City school will be held for training inspectors from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and other Western States, and the Washington school, for training inspectors from the Eastern States and the enlisted men from the Army Veterinary School. There will also be a school for officers of the Army Veterinary School at Washington beginning November 15 and continuing through December, the officers attending two or three days each week.

4. OMAHA BEEF GRADE EXHIBIT  
SCORES HIGH AT STATE FAIR.

The cattle and beef grade exhibit recently put on at the Iowa State Fair through cooperation of various interests including this Bureau was a grand success according to an advance report received recently from Mr. Charles Bruce, in charge of the Omaha Livestock, Meats and Wool office.

"Our exhibit, coupled with a feed demonstration by the Extension Service of the Iowa State College, was the center of attraction and we received praise from many sources. Leading cattle feeders of Iowa spent hours studying the exhibit and we believe we were able to drive home the grade standards of cattle as well as meats. We had some very nice compliments from observers of the Fair as well as from the State Secretary of Agriculture of Iowa; also from livestock feeders," says Mr. Bruce in his report.

Mr. Bruce was specially active in developing the idea for such an exhibit and in bringing together and maintaining in effective working relationship the various interests which cooperated in putting on the exhibit. He did the same thing in connection with a similar exhibit presented at the Nebraska State Fair which was held in Lincoln, September 5 to 10.

5. POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATIVE  
MARKETING OF HONEY TO BE STUDIED.

With a view to determining the possibilities of marketing honey through cooperative organizations, the Division of Cooperative Marketing will conduct a study with the State of Minnesota for about a month.

The advisability and economic aspects will be considered, also the type of association best suited to the handling of this commodity. Edwin E. Wilson, of St. Paul, Minn. will be engaged in this work.

#### 6. ECONOMIC SURVEY CONFERENCE HELD AT BOISE, IDAHO.

An interesting session was held each of the two days, September 3 and 4, when the Economic Survey Conference was in progress in the State House, Boise, Idaho. Over 75 farm leaders, extension and experiment station workers and State and Federal department workers were present for the meeting. Others included in the attendance were business men, bankers and members of the Idaho Economic Commission.

After the address of welcome by the Dean of the Agricultural College, the program was made up of discussions on "The Use of the Land in Idaho", "The Tenancy Situation and Land Tenure", "The Marketing Situation in Idaho" and general agricultural program conferences when various crops were studied.

Members of the Bureau who attended were, Thew D. Johnson, Byron Hunter, B. Critchfield, Farm Management; L.G. Schultz and B.E. Shaffer, Fruit and Vegetable Division; and Jesse W. Wade, of the Warehousing Division.

A mimeographed edition of the program has been prepared by the Boise office, which contains much information in tabular form.

#### 7. CLAIMS CONFERENCE EXPLAINS HAY GRADES.

K. B. Seeds, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, attended a meeting of the Virginia Claims Conference at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, on Friday September 10, for the purpose of explaining the U. S. hay standards and the hay inspection service to the members of the conference. The conference was composed of representatives of the railroads in North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. There was much interest in the standards and inspection service, particularly with reference to location of inspectors at shipping points. After a discussion of the work the conference adopted a resolution to the effect that it was their opinion that they should cooperate with the Department in the establishment of standards and inspection service as it would be of indirect benefit to the carriers through the reduction in the number of shipments of hay rejected on account of inferior grade.

#### 8. PURCHASE OF NEW BUILDING AT 300 LINWORTH PLACE.

Information has been received from the Treasury Department that negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the Economics Building, located at 300 Linworth Place, S. W., in which is now conducted all of our standardization work on cotton, hay, and wool. Our understanding is that the purchase price has been set at \$300,000, but actual title will not pass to the Government until the title has been searched and approved by the Department of Justice. This is the first building that has been acquired under the 50 million dollar public building program for the District of Columbia authorized by the last Congress. Although this building is not designed along the lines followed in constructing Government buildings, it serves a specific purpose and is better suited for the work conducted therein than any other type of building primarily designed for office purposes.

9. MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU IN AUGUST

The following manuscripts were submitted to the Division of Publications during August:

Coleman, D. A., and Fellows, H. C.: Oil Content of Flaxseed with Comparisons of Tests for Determining Oil Content. For Department Bulletin.

Coleman, D. A., and Dixon, H. B., and Fellows, H. C.: Comparison of Some Physical and Chemical Tests for Determining the Quality of Gluten in Wheat and Flour. For Journal of Agricultural Research.

Sarle, C. F.: Reliability and adequacy of farm price data. For Department Bulletin.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 91, Amendment 6. Amends Cotton futures Act.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93, Amendment No. 2. Official standards for the inspection of potatoes.

Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 101. Regulations for Warehousemen Storing Canned Foods.

Wilkinson, F.B.: U. S. Standard Tobacco Sizes For Mis. Cir.

The following articles have been approved for publication in the periodicals named:

Christensen, C. L.: The Cooperative Marketing Act. For The Messenger.

George, F.: Stopping Leaks in the Farm Business. For Successful Farming.

Powers, G. H.: Philadelphia Produce Exchange and U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperate in Egg Inspections. For National Poultry, Butter and Egg Bulletin.

Randell, C. G.: The Cooperative: The farmers business organ. For National Livestock Producer.

Sherman, C. E.: Inventions strengthen grain paper. For American Bankers Association Journal.

Slocum, R. R.: U. S. Grades Applied to Middle Western Eggs. For National Poultry, Butter and Egg Bulletin.

Spilman, H. A.: Sweet Potato Containers. For Barrel and Box.

Trout, C. E.: Agricultural Programs Point the Way for Extension Workers. For Better Crops.

Willingmyre, G. F.: Wool Standards. For Manchester Guardian.

10. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 10 are:

- Bellerby, J. R. Stabilisation of employment in the United States... Geneva, 1926. (International labour office. Studies and reports. Series C (Employment and unemployment) no.11)
- Canadian council of agriculture. The Canadian council of agriculture; a review of the history and work of the national farm organization of Canada... Winnipeg, Canadian council of agriculture, 1925.
- Canadian council of agriculture. National policies... as presented to the Dominion government, April 21, 1926. Winnipeg, Canadian council of agriculture, 1926.
- Collings, G. H. The production of cotton... New York, J. Wiley & sons, inc.; [etc., etc.] 1926
- Cottingham, W. H. Co-operative marketing in Manitoba... Winnipeg, Canada, Pub. by authority of Hon. A. Prefontaine, Minister of agriculture and immigration, 1925. (Manitoba farmers' library, pub. by the Manitoba Department of agriculture and immigration, Extension bulletin no.80)
- International institute of agriculture. Bureau of statistics. Organization of agricultural statistics in various countries, no. 1. Agricultural statistics in Lithuania, by M. A. Laptevas. Rome, 1926
- National foreign trade convention. Official report of the 13th National foreign trade convention, April, 1926. New York [1926]
- New Orleans cotton exchange. Secretary's report. Cotton crop of the United States for 1925-1926. [New Orleans, 1926]
- [Quackenbush, E. R.] The Dairymen's co-operative sales company; a brief story of past history and present development in marketing milk in the Pittsburgh milkshed. [Pittsburgh, Pa., 1926]
- U. S. Bureau of the census. Animal and vegetable fats and oils. Production, consumption, imports, exports and stocks by quarters calendar years 1924 and 1925. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.
- U. S. Dept. of commerce. The United States Department of commerce; a brief description of the activities of the several bureaus of the department. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

## BUREAU BREVITIES

11. UNITED STATES STANDARDS FOR BEANS have been issued as recommended Standards effective September 1. The Standards embody slight revisions from the tentative standards issued in August, 1925. The changes do not effect the general construction of the Standards and, except for more tolerant limits on grade factors in grades for Great Northerns, serve only to clarify certain important features of them. The Standards comprise nineteen commercial classes of beans which include all of the leading kinds grown and marketed in the United States. Copies may be obtained by those interested upon application to the Hay, Feed and Seed Division.
12. WEATHER DAMAGE TO COTTON, causes, results and prevention, are discussed by R. L. Nixon in Dept. Bul. 1438 which has come from the press just in time to aid in preventing damage to the present crop. The bulletin is based on tests conducted on several bales of cotton stored under different conditions in the Cotton Belt and includes some practical and pointed suggestions for farmers and others who store cotton in the country.
13. COLORADO CANTALOUPE DEAL '25, is a preliminary summary by R. H. Lamb, which reviews the section that has done much of the pioneer work of the cantaloupe industry. Cantaloupes rank second in respect to commodity carlot movement, being exceeded in order of volume of carlot shipments by apples, grapes, oranges and watermelons. Colorado ranks second in the production of this important crop.
14. MICHIGAN APPLE DEAL, SEASON 1925, is ready for distribution. The author is R. H. Shoemaker who issued reports from Benton Harbor and Grand Rapids in cooperation with the Bureau of Foods and Standards, Michigan Department of Agriculture. In a detailed resume of the shipping season, Mr. Shoemaker has given an interesting synopsis of the apple market from an economic standpoint.
15. MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK CARROTS, Season 1925-1926, by A. E. Prugh is now available for distribution. This mimeographed report is a summary of the cooperative service of this Bureau and the New York State Department of Farms and Markets. This crop is such an important one that market reports were issued from Rochester, N.Y. for over nine months last season.
16. SUMMARY OF CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF IMPORTANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA and NEVADA, 1925, by Homer A. Harris and Opal V. Yeoman, is available in detailed form, mimeographed. Information by billing stations, including both interstate and intrastate shipments as reported by mail and telegraph by the common carriers.

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The Wool office of Livestock, Meats and Wool, has received orders for 100 sets of samples of new wool grades. In consequence of this extra work, it has become necessary for additional helpers to be detailed to the section for the present.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU

Mr. Marquis, Director of Information, has returned from an extended automobile tour with his family. They went as far North as Ontario, Canada, South through Indiana, to points in Kentucky, with stops at Memphis and Chattanooga, Tenn., and at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. While in Lexington, Ky., their trip included a call on former Chief of the Bureau, Thomas P. Cooper, who has resumed his position as Director of the Experiment Station, at the University of Kentucky.

William A. Schoenfeld, Agricultural Commissioner, has been in New York and Boston since his return to the States September 3. Mr. Schoenfeld will be in Washington this week conferring with Bureau officials regarding his future work.

R.S. Washburn, Farm Management and Costs, went last week to Pennsylvania and New York State to assist in a study of the possible substitutes of market hay.

Mrs. Annie M. Hannay, Library, is back from a trip through the Adirondack Mountains. While in the region of the Summer White House, she visited Paul Smith and happened to be present when one of President Coolidge's representatives was interviewed by a member of the press. This and many other incidents made Mrs. Hannay's vacation an interesting one.

Geo. O. Gatlin, Cooperative Marketing, plans to leave the last of the week for Knoxville and Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., in the interest of cooperative cotton marketing. He will observe particularly the special field service methods used by cooperative associations, in Arkansas.

A.W. Palmer, Cotton Marketing Division, went to New York last week to consult the branch office members.

Chris L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, went to Amherst, Mass., and Burlington, Vt., last week to confer with college officials regarding research along cooperative lines. He went to Durham, N. H. and Auburn, Maine for conference with cooperative associations before returning to Washington.

Miss Elizabeth B. Johnson, Time Clerk of the Bureau, has decided to take a little vacation herself, now that she has helped to arrange leave for the majority of us. She left the last of the week for Nashville, Tenn., where she will spend about three weeks with friends and relatives. We all wish "Betty" a pleasant time!

Paul Froehlich, Editor of the Division Letter, Fruits and Vegetables, is enjoying annual leave for the next few weeks.

C.L. Goodrich, Farm Management and Costs, is visiting in Pennsylvania during his annual vacation.

Dr. B. Youngblood, Cotton Marketing, was in New York last Wednesday to meet with members of the New York Cotton Exchange and other members of the trade regarding certain phases in the marketing of cotton.

Herbert L. Geer, of Massachusetts, has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, and reported for duty this week in the New York office of the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service. Mr. Greer received his B.S. degree from Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1921. He has had experience on fruit farms in Michigan and at Wenatchee, Wash., and has been a licensee in the cooperative shipping-point inspection work throughout the Southeast. Mr. Greer also served for a while as Horticultural Adviser with the Farm Bureau at Cape Cod, Mass., and worked at the Agricultural Experiment Station, Clemson College, S. C. Recently he has been taking post-graduate work in Plant Pathology at West Virginia University. Mr. Geer's experience and training make him especially valuable at this time with the apple-export work in New York.

Oscar Steanson is now in Washington, having stopped off in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana en route, to gather final data on livestock production in those States. Mr. Steanson will analyze the material collected during the past few years in his study of costs of producing hogs in the Corn Belt. This is one of the studies by the Division of Farm Management and Costs.

Miss Lucretia Warnick, Land Economics has visited in Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Baltimore during the past two weeks.

Walter A. Hilgeson, of the State of Washington, also has been given an appointment as Assistant Marketing Specialist, and will report for duty about September 20 in the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Inspection office. Mr. Hilgeson has had long experience in fruit and produce growing and marketing in various parts of Washington. He has worked on the ranch and in the city distributing markets, and knows both ends of the produce industry.

G.L. Morgan, Agricultural Statistician for New Jersey, and Mr. Oley, for that State, were in Washington to act as members of the Crop Reporting Board of September 10th,

H. A. Spilman expects to go to Atlantic City, N.J., on Thursday for a meeting of weights and measures officials of that State. He will talk on the standardization of containers.

J.W.Park, Fruits and Vegetables, left Sunday for New York City to spend three weeks working out the details of a study of the price movement and other marketing problems of peaches and perishable fruits and vegetables. Mr. Park will confer with representatives of the Bureau in that city and with members of the Port of New York Authority in making plans for the study.

Miss Mary B. Hall of the Fruit and Vegetable Division is taking a vacation in Kentucky and Tennessee. She plans to be away until September 30.

Mrs. Virginia Cureton, Hay, Feed and Seeds, has gone to Louisville, Ky., where she will spend three weeks.

Miss Olive Ford, Statistical and Historical Research, is at Georgetown Hospital where she was operated on <sup>for</sup> appendicitis several days ago. The latest report states that she is doing nicely and we hope she will be back at her desk at an early date.

J. Kenney Miller, Division of Cotton Marketing, went to New York City last week to assist in the handling of samples of cotton tendered for delivery on future contracts.

Mrs. Evelyn Burns, Machine Tabulation Section, had a delightful visit at Upper Marlboro, Md., recently.

Miss Avis B. Damon, Hay Feed and Seeds, has concluded a vacation of two weeks.

Miss Lona B. Lang, of the Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is expected back at the office today, after spending two weeks at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Ethel K. Day, Statistical and Historical Research, has gone to Lexington, Ky., where she will pass three weeks of this month.

Miss Effie E. Jenkins, Dairy and Poultry Products, is back at her desk after an absence of over two weeks. Miss Jenkins visited her home in Virginia.

Miss Virginia K. Patterson, Farm Population and Rural Life, has returned from a vacation trip to Kokomo, Ind.

Miss Dorothy Lamb, Machine Tabulation Section, spent several days at the Sesquicentennial in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. Robey W. Stehr, Mails and Files, is visiting relatives in New York until September 25, as part of her annual vacation.

Mrs. Flossie M. Jenkins, Fruits and Vegetables, will be on leave until the 20th, taking this time to visit the Sesquicentennial Exposition and nearby points of interest.

Mrs. Alice B. McQuinn, Property and Supplies, is taking the remainder of this month to visit in New York City and Philadelphia.

Miss Gladys E. Emerson, Agricultural Finance, will return next week from a vacation of two weeks spent at Salisbury, N. C.

Alfred S. Dalton, Land Economics, plans to leave this week for Woodford, Va., where he will spend several weeks.

Miss Jessie L. Walter, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is back from a delightful visit at Pleasant Plains, Ill. Miss Walter made the trip by automobile, and spent four weeks.

Mrs. Jeanette L. Cavanagh, Statistical and Historical Research, is spending two weeks at her home.

Miss Caroline G. Towles, Farm Management and Costs, is enjoying several weeks at Cliffside, N. J. She will not return before September 20.

Mrs. Wilna Rice, Fruits and Vegetables, has completed a brief vacation.

Mrs. Marie Tucker, Drafting Section, took three weeks leave at Orange, Va., and upon her return tells us she enjoyed every minute of it.

Mrs. Rebecca Garrison, Fruits and Vegetables, is passing two weeks at Lanham, Md., returning September 27.

S. Garrett Swain, Jr., Warehousing Division, has gone to Ridgeway, Pa., to spend two weeks' vacation.

Miss Emily Camp, Hay, Feed and Seeds, had a short but delightful vacation at Harper's Ferry recently. Miss Camp returned to her desk Saturday.

Miss Frances Gray, Crop and Livestock Estimates, has returned from her annual vacation of four weeks.

Miss Mae Murray, Statistical and Historical Research, spent last week at Niagara Falls, as part of her vacation plans.

Mrs. Elizabeth McTernan, Farm Management and Costs, had a delightful vacation in Massachusetts this year.

Miss Lillian Crans, Economic Library, is taking annual leave until the 25th.

Miss Effie Woolverton, Statistical and Historical Research, has concluded a vacation which she spent at her cottage at Shady Side, Md.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney and Miss Helen Hull have returned from a delightful vacation at North Beach, on Chesapeake Bay.

Mrs. Edith Runkle, Division of Information, is taking her vacation trip to Crawfordsville, Ind., which she postponed about two months ago on account of the pressure of work. She plans to be away until September 27.

B.R.Gould, Statistical and Historical Research, is making a ten days' trip to New York, Boston, Providence and New Bedford to confer with managers of the cotton mills regarding the movement of cotton.

Older members of the staff, who have been located in Washington at any time, will remember Capt. T. F. Powell, who was connected with the Transportation Division until 1917 and who then went to the War Dept. We regret to report Capt. Powell's death on Monday, after an operation at Walter Reed Hospital.

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## 1. CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE IMPROVING, MR. SCHOENFELD STATES.

Following the recent period of depression, Germany is earnestly applying herself to the task of building up a substantial basis for agricultural and industrial growth, according to William A. Schoenfeld, who has returned from Berlin where he served as representative of the Bureau for two years.

With surplus tax money available through a special German banking arrangement, it was possible for short-time loans to be funded, and recovery along all lines has begun. Along with the better financing, educational work of German agriculture is being carried on among the farmers. Diversification and economies in the production, also marketing through cooperative organizations, and standardization are all helping in bringing Germany to the front in these industries.

With industrial recovery will come a greater demand for the better quality of American bread-making wheat, to be mixed with native grain. A higher standard of living and greater fastidiousness are manifested everywhere in Germany. This is partially brought about as a reaction from the privation and suffering during the war and the post-war period. The better organization of German labor is also responsible for demanding the best the markets can procure.

Many improvements have taken place during the past year in production methods of textiles, says Mr. Schoenfeld. A potential demand for higher quality of cotton and woolen goods is everywhere evident -- this coupled with the anticipation of sharing in the markets now enjoyed by France, England and Italy, is largely responsible for the improvement. If Germany continues to succeed in developing her markets Eastward, she will not only be in position to absorb a higher proportion of our better grades of cotton than has previously been the case but will most likely take any quantity of our medium and lower grades to satisfy the demands of her Eastern markets for ordinary cotton cloths.

## 2. NEW FEDERAL HAY INSPECTOR APPOINTED AT NORFOLK.

The Hay, Feed and Seeds Division announces that M. W. Crenshaw has been licensed as a Federal Hay Inspector under a cooperative agreement between the Department of Agriculture and the Port Commission of Norfolk. He will be stationed at the Port Commission elevator and will be available for making inspections of hay at points in Norfolk and vicinity upon application. Mr. Crenshaw succeeds C. L. Shiley who was recently appointed as Federal Hay Inspector at Cincinnati, Ohio.

### 3. COTTON TRADE ASKS ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AND STAPLE PREMIUMS.

The assistance of the Bureau was sought by members of cotton associations at a conference held here last Thursday, urging that physical standards be prepared for strict low middling spotted and middling gray cotton. This will aid in the accurate classification and quotation of these grades entitled to be delivered on future contracts. The standards for these grades at present are descriptive.

Cooperation of the Bureau has been solicited also in connection with quotations of staple premiums at the ten designated markets. A small premium is allowed the seller at New Orleans under certain conditions on cotton over seven-eighths inch, but there is no premium at New York. Larger premiums at New Orleans, and allowances for staple at New York and Chicago proportionate to actual commercial premiums are desired.

Mr. Tenny, A.W. Palmer, C.L. Finch, H.C. Slade and Dr. B. Youngblood of the Cotton Division met with the committee. While no action was taken on the question under discussion, the cooperation of the Bureau in connection with staple premiums was assured. It was pointed out however that without further legal authority its supervision of staple premiums would have to be with the approval of the ten designated markets.

### 4. FIELD STUDY OF APPLE YIELD IN SHENANDOAH-CUMBERLAND VALLEY.

In an effort to learn to what extent climatic hazards and other factors seriously affect the yield of apples in the Shenandoah-Cumberland Valley, a field study has been made this year by this Bureau, the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Weather Bureau cooperating with representatives of Pennsylvania State College, West Virginia University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The study throws much light on the seriousness of frost, hail and drought as limiting factors in production. It indicates also the extent of loss and damage due to other causes resulting from soil and tree management. C.R. Swinson, Farm Management and Costs, who has just returned from that section, declared that spring frosts have been over-rated as a factor in causing losses. There are, however, a very few growers operating orchards that are entirely in the frost belt. Of nearly 500 farms studied, only 13 per cent were classified as having poor air drainage, that is, having sites particularly subject to frost damage. Few growers had experienced serious loss from frost more than once or twice in a period of six years. Orchard sites with suitable elevation and given reasonably good care have little difficulty in obtaining paying yields.

Lack of high standards with respect to soil and tree management, is more important as affecting low yields, according to Mr. Swinson. A good many orchardists have not seen the significance of quantity production in its relation to income and hence do not practice the sort of management to bring the best results.

All who have engaged in the study this year feel the necessity of further regional investigational work on production and marketing, on a more elaborate and refined scale. The plan to have working together men from different fields of research with respect to the fruit industry, proved very satisfactory and the continuance of this plan in outlining the future work, is held to be the only logical method of attack. The report of the study will be completed before the end of the calendar year.

5. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY BECOMES  
MEMBER OF RESEARCH COUNCIL.

New York University, School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance, has just become a member of the New York Food Marketing Research Council. This institution will coordinate with other agencies engaged in market research centering about the New York market. The membership now includes this Bureau, New York State College of Agriculture, New York State Department of Farms and Markets, Port of New York Authority, Columbia University School of Business and the New Jersey State College of Agriculture.

6. ALFALFA COMING BY BOAT  
FROM THE PACIFIC COAST.

Alfalfa shipments from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Seaboard have been increasing slowly but steadily in recent years and a demand for this hay now exists among the dairymen in excess of the available supplies. Edward C. Parker of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division spent September 13 and 14 in Boston, Mass., examining a large cargo of alfalfa hay shipped from San Francisco on the Steamship Panaman. Mr. Parker reported this shipment of hay to be of good quality and that California hay is very well received by the New England dairymen, who are purchasing it in large quantities as a protein feed.

The present intercoast commerce in this product could be rapidly and materially increased in a very short time if steamer space was available at all seasons of the year. Alfalfa moves from the Pacific Coast to the Atlantic Seaboard at freight costs of \$8.00 to \$12.00 per ton but the steamers do not accept large quantities of alfalfa hay during the seasons of heavy shipments in lumber and canned goods from California and Washington.

7. COUNTRY LIFE ASSOCIATION  
HOLDS GROUP DINNER.

The Washington group of the American Country Life Association held a dinner meeting at the Grace Dodge Hotel last Thursday evening. About 30 were present, including Dr. E.L. Kirkpatrick and Wayne C. Nason of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life.

This meeting was preliminary to the annual conference to be held in Washington November 10-14, and the discussion centered around the proposed program for that session. Henry Israel, Executive Secretary of the National Association, led the discussion with special attention given the subject of the farm youths. Consideration was also given to the matter of conducting a training school to instruct leaders for the conference.

The Country Life Association is an organization made up of extension workers, research workers and others interested in Rural Life problems. The session to be held in November promises to be an interesting one.

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Be economical with time and supplies.

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Let patience, courtesy and an honest effort to serve your employers, 110,000,000 American Citizens, be your constant guides.

8. EXAMINATION FOR POSITION OF  
GRAIN SAMPLER AT \$1,680.

An assembled examination for this position is announced by the Civil Service Commission for positions in Washington and in the field.

Duties will be to sample and assist in sampling grain, to identify and report all kinds of damage and odor in grain, and all "plugged" or fraudulently loaded cars. It will be necessary to have knowledge of elevator construction and of methods in handling grain in transit.

Applicants will be rated on practical questions on these subjects; also on education, experience and fitness. The latter includes at least one year's experience in commercial grain sampling at terminal markets; at least three years' experience in some phase of commercial grain handling; and completion of at least two years of satisfactory work at an agricultural college of recognized standing. Applicants must not have reached their fortieth birthday on the date of the examination.

The place of examination will be in the customary cities throughout the country, the date to be announced later. Those interested should write the Civil Service Commission for admission to the examination, Form 2415, so that application will be on file in Washington not later than October 9.

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The St. Louis Grain office is experiencing one of the busiest seasons in years, with an unusually large number of appeals and a limited office force to handle the extra work.

BUREAU BREVITIES.

9. UNIFORM STANDARDIZATION OF EGGS is the subject to which most of the August number of the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Bulletin is devoted. Four members of our staff are represented by special articles: Messrs Tenny, Potts, and Slocum of the Washington office and G. H. Powers, joint egg inspector of Philadelphia.

10. WAREHOUSEMEN STORING COTTONSEED for commercial but not for seed stock purposes may be licensed under the regulations just issued as Service and Regulatory Announcement 102 of this Bureau.

11. METHODS OF PACKING EGGS and of buffing and bracing cases of eggs in carload shipments are discussed in relation to their comparative efficiency by R. R. Slocum in Dept. Cir. 391, now available. This circular is built on the tests described in a preliminary report on the subject issued some time ago.

12. OFFICIAL STANDARDS FOR POTATOES, are found in revised form in Amend. 2 to Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 93 of this Bureau, which is being distributed.

13. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 17 are:

Barth, Joh. & Sohn. Hop report for 1925/26. Nuremberg, 1926.

British Australian wool realisation association limited. Report of the 5th ordinary general meeting of shareholders... 1926.  
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Central bank of co-operative institutions in Palestine, limited.  
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Report ... v.10 for the year 1925. Baltimore, 1926.

National farmers' union of Scotland. Annual report, 1925/26.  
Glasgow, H. Munro, ltd. [1926]

Saskatchewan. Dept. of agriculture. Co-operation and markets branch.  
12th annual report, 1925/26. Regina, J. W. Reid, King's printer, 1926.

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New York, The Macmillan company, 1926. (Institute of economics.  
Investigations in industry and labor)

U. S. Shipping board. Bureau of research. Report on volume of water borne foreign commerce of the United States by ports of origin and destination fiscal year 1925... Washington, Govt. print.off., 1926.

U. S. War dept. Board of engineers for rivers and harbors. Port series no.20. The Port of New York. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

Warne, C. E. The consumers' co-operative movement in Illinois...  
Chicago, Ill., The University of Chicago press [1926]

Zimand, Savel. State capitalism in Russia; the Soviet economic system in operation 1917-1926... New York City, The Research department of the Foreign policy association [1926] ([Research department of the Foreign policy association] Information service Supplement no.2, June, 1926)

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Harold J. Clay, Fruits and Vegetables will address the meeting of the Ohio beekeepers Association at Medina, Sept. 21-23 at the plant of the A.I. Root Company. Services will be held in honor of L.L. Langstroth, the inventor of the movable bee-frame hive, which made commercial beekeeping possible, and in honor of A.I. Root to whose leadership in methods so much of the advance in beekeeping is due. A representation is expected from half of the States besides Canada and Porto Rico, and possibly Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Clay will speak on "Increasing the Beekeepers Profits".

Dr. A.T. Lebedeff, formerly Professor of Soils at the University of Odessa, Russia, called at the office Friday. Prof. Lebedeff is making a prolonged tour of the United States for the Russian Government observing American agricultural methods with a view to their applicability to Russian conditions. He is also deeply interested in the scientific methods being applied in the Department to the solution of farm problems.

Dr. S.A. Jones, Crop and Livestock Estimates, left on the 15th for a two-weeks' trip through, Texas, Oklahoma, and other cotton States to inspect the condition of the cotton crop.

Wm. Broxton, Section of Periodic Reports, left Saturday for points in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota to interview managers of cold storage plants, in an effort to obtain the closest cooperation possible in making up monthly reports for the Bureau. While in that region, Mr. Broxton will go on to Winnipeg, Canada to visit a former college mate for a few days.

H.R. Tolley, Farm Management and Costs, is making a trip to Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to confer with officials of State Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations regarding cooperative farm management work in those States. Mr. Tolley will be absent about ten days.

E.B. Ballow, Cooperative Marketing, left last week for California to assist in a business study which the Division is making of the poultry production of Central California. He will stop in Chicago and in Denver on his way out, to make observations on the fruit and vegetable selling agencies in terminal markets, started by K.B. Gardner several weeks ago. Mr. Ballow has just returned from an extended southern and western trip, and this new assignment will engage him for the next two months.

W.F. Callander, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, has returned to the office after spending a few days in the North Carolina office conferring with the Agricultural Statistician of North Carolina and observing the condition of the cotton crop. Mr. Callander, will leave this Thursday for a trip through Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota and Wisconsin, to meet with State Statisticians and to make crop and livestock observations. He will be away for four or five weeks, and expects to gather a vast amount of material.

Alfred M. Stobbins, Division of Statistical and Historical Research, has been transferred to the Sacramento, Calif., office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, as Assistant Statistician with E. E. Kaufman, effective Sept. 16.

George W. Beadle, Assistant in Agronomy at the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, and a cooperating agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in hay standardization work, spent three days in Washington recently in a conference with W. A. Wheeler, E. C. Parker, K. B. Seeds, and W. H. Hosterman, of the Hay, Feed and Seed Division, with reference to prairie hay standardization work in Nebraska. Mr. Beadle has made extensive field studies of prairie grasses and prairie hay making and marketing in the Elkhorn Valley of Nebraska during the past summer. His conference in Washington was for the purpose of presenting the results of his work to the Division for use in the prairie hay standardization work of the Bureau.

James S. Hathcock, Cooperative Marketing, will take a brief vacation at his home in Norwood, N. C., the latter part of the week.

H.J. Besley and Edward J. Murphy of the Grain Division, are in Chicago this week to confer with members of the trade regarding the sale of barley by standards other than Federal. They will confer with representatives of the Bureau in various States relative to the determination of dockage in grain.

Miss Lucille McKeever of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is enjoying a month's vacation.

Dr. B. Youngblood left Washington Friday for Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas to confer with officials at the Agricultural Experiment Stations relative to the studies being conducted on cotton marketing. He will also study the possibilities of developing a market for low-grade cotton.

W.K. Marshall, Milling and Baking Investigations of the Grain Division, is attending the annual convention of the American Bakers Association in Atlantic City this week. The latest methods employed by commercial bakers will be demonstrated and improved types of baking machinery, exhibited.

G.K. Holmes, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is preparing for the winter's work by taking a three weeks' tramping trip through the Appalachian Mountains.

L.B. Burk, Livestock, Meats and Wool, is in Blacksburg, Va., to grade meat in connection with a study on "quality of meats" being made by his Division.

Miss Josephine Schaake of the Division of Crop Livestock Estimates is away for the next three weeks.

Lewis Myers, of the Little Rock, Arkansas, Cotton office, has gone to Savannah, Ga. to assist with the sampling and inspection of cotton tendered for classification on the Savannah Cotton Exchange.

W.L. Evans and H.V. DeMott of the Domestic Wool Section plan to leave Wednesday night for Boston to recheck records of a large wool company, to further audit their 1918 wool transactions as reported to the Government. They will be absent about a week.

Miss Caroline B. Sherman, Editor of the Bureau, will go this week on a motor trip through the highland and historic sections of Pennsylvania, including Gettysburg, Valley Forge, Delaware Water Gap and other points of interest. Miss Sherman will be accompanied by her sister and they plan to be absent about ten days.

John J. Scanlan of the State of Minnesota has been appointed Associate Agricultural Economist in the Division of Cooperative Marketing. He will plan and conduct economic studies and business analyses of individual cooperative associations with a view to determining the efficiency of the various methods involved in cooperative activities.

Mr. Scanlan received his B.S. and his M.S. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He has been connected with the Livingston Economic Service and was assistant professor of Rural Economics at Ohio State University during the past summer.

His first assignment is in California where he will assist A. V. Swarthout in the business study of Poultry Producers of Central California. Later Mr. Scanlan will come to his headquarters at Washington.

Mrs. Lollie McDaniels, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is taking three-weeks' vacation.

V.H. Church, Agricultural Statistician at Lansing, Mich., will attend a meeting of the Great Lakes Regional Advisory Board of the American Railway Association, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., September 22. The Bureau has had the close cooperation of the Railway Association, for several years, receiving shipment reports and similar information, on which much of our news work is based.

Gerald R. Blount, of North Carolina, has been given appointment as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, Fruits and Vegetables, and will report at the New York office of the Inspection Service about October 1. Mr. Blount received his B.S. degree from the State College at Raleigh, N. C., in 1924. He has had experience in farming, and for two years during the war served in the U. S. Army. After graduation from College, he was employed as inspector by the Sandhill Fruit Growers and later did similar work in the Federal-State inspection service in North Carolina. Since May, 1924, Mr. Blount has been with the State Division of Markets, as an inspector of fruits and vegetables.

Mrs. Helen Murtaugh, Crop and Livestock Estimates is motoring to Harvard, Massachusetts, for a vacation of three weeks.

W.J. Spillman, Farm Management and Costs, will leave Wednesday to attend the National Corn Borers Conference at Detroit, Mich, Sept. 23-25. Field inspection trips in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio and Detroit will be made on two days preceding the conference.

Miss Mary Hayden of the Tabulating and Computing Section is spending a few days in Camden, N. J.

Miss Louis Blair of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is taking a vacation of a week.

John H. Cox, Barley Investigations of the Grain Division, was in New York and Philadelphia last week for testing and checking grain grading apparatus.

Hunter S. Moles, also, has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, Fruits and Vegetables, and will report for duty in the Chicago office of the Inspection Service on September 20. Mr. Moles' legal residence is New Mexico. He received the B.S. degree from Colorado Agricultural College in 1913, and then operated his own fruit farm in Colorado until 1917. Subsequently, Mr. Moles has been employed as a County Agent and as Assistant Director of Extension Work, New Mexico Agricultural College.

Mrs. Carrie Froehlich, of the Telegraph Section, is taking three weeks' vacation.

James W. Jones of the State of Kentucky, has been appointed as Agricultural Economist in the Division of Cooperative Marketing. He will conduct economic research in the different phases of cooperative marketing with special study of membership relations of the associations.

Mr. Jones has been connected with the Bureau for nearly a year, having held cooperative appointment as Research Agent at Lexington, Ky. During this time he has made a study of membership problems of centralized associations and has been developing plans for more effective handling of these features.

After receiving his A.B. and M.A. degrees at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., he did graduate work at the University of Chicago, at the University of Kentucky and at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Jones served as county agent and later as marketing specialist at the University of Kentucky. He has organized and assisted cooperative associations throughout the State, handling dairy and poultry products and wool, and his experience fully qualifies him to assume the duties of his present position. We welcome Mr. Jones to the ranks of the Bureau.

Mr. Jones, had as his first assignment, a trip to southern New Jersey, Philadelphia and other points in Pennsylvania to confer with officials of milk producers associations. Membership relations will be Mr. Jones' particular study in dealing with problems of cooperative associations, and in this case his attention was applied to organizations handling fluid milk. He attended several meetings where these problems were discussed and reported that the officials were eager to have the Bureau assist in working out plans for the closer cooperation among their members.

Mordecai Ezekiel, Farm Management and Costs, is receiving congratulations upon acquiring his Ph. D. degree, last week. Mr. Ezekiel studied at the Robert Brookings Graduate School of Economics and Government, which is associated with the Institute of Economics, in Washington.

J. B. Shepard, Crop and Livestock Estimates, will leave this week to spend ten days in the northeastern potato and apple States observing the progress of these crops.

H.F. Willson, of the Atlanta Fruit and Vegetable Inspection office, has been transferred to the New York City branch.

Joe Irvine, of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, has had a nice vacation of two weeks. He was at Trenton and Asbury Park, N.J. with a stopover at the Exposition at Philadelphia while in that section.

Joseph Orr, has returned from detail duty at the Springfield, Illinois office of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates, and is now on a two week's vacation.

Mrs. Marguerite Emmert, Fruit and Vegetable Division, who went to Pennsylvania on her vacation has been detained since Sept. 13, on account of illness. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Heath L. Pomberton, Marketing Cotton Division, is in Savannah, Ga., for the next week assisting with the inspection and sampling of cotton tendered for classification and certification on the Cotton Exchange in that city.

C. L. Harlan has just returned from a six-weeks' trip through the western States in connection with the livestock work of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. Mr. Harlan is now at his home for a short rest before returning to his duties.

W.K. Marshall and J.F. Hayes, Milling and Baking Investigations went to Hagerstown, Md. last week to attend a demonstration to determine the effectiveness of a fumigant for the eradication of insects in grain. This Bureau has been cooperating with the Bureau of Chemistry and the Bureau of Entomology in these tests to combat weevil and the angoumois moth in grain.

Mrs. Sarah V. Tracy, Crop and Livestock Estimates, will return the last of the week from a vacation of three weeks spent at Allentown, Pa.

Mrs. Emily A. Fenton, Livestock, Meats and Wool Division, is back from a pleasant vacation of two weeks.

C.L. Finch, Cotton Marketing Division, has returned from a short vacation.

H.L. McQuinn, Section of Periodic Reports, will be on vacation until Oct. 2.

Hutzel Metzger, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to New York City to make an economic study of operating methods of the New York Dairymens League. James W. Jones also of that Division, accompanied Mr. Metzger to confer with members of the League with regard to a proposed study of membership problems of the organization.

Miss Jessie Bishop, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is in California for a month's vacation.

Mrs. M. R. Peirce of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is taking a rest at her home for about two weeks.

H.E. Earp, Grain Division, has been detailed to assist with the Department exhibit work of the State Fairs at Nashville, Tenn. and at Richmond, Va. Mr. Earp will be absent from Washington until October 15.

J.C. Gilbert, Division of Economic Information, is on exhibit work at State Fairs at Grand Rapids, Mich., Louisville, Ky., and at Waterloo, Iowa. He will be back in Washington October 8.

Miss Beatrice V. Garber of the New York Livestock Office took her vacation at Edgemere, Long Island the first two weeks of September.

C.L. Harlan, Crop and Livestock Estimates, is enjoying two weeks' annual leave. He will return to his desk next Monday.

G.A. Scott of Salt Lake City, Utah, has completed a short vacation.

Mrs. Alberta D. Jones, Grain Standardization, will take two weeks' annual leave beginning Monday.

# THE B. A. E. NEWS.

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U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Library,

Attn. Miss Trolinger,

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## 1. COMMITTEE REPORTS AT ON LIVE POULTRY SURVEY.

According to an understanding reached in conference at New York City on August 2, a conference was called last Wednesday to present a progress report on the live poultry survey, made by Rob R. Slocum and C.E. Eckles during three weeks of August, in the Metropolis.

Mr. Olsen went to New York with R.C. Potts and Rob R. Slocum, who were joined by Dr. F. A. Beuchel, Research Economist of the Dairy and Poultry Division stationed in New York City. This report of progress contained a summary of observations made by Mr. Slocum and Mr. Eckles in the preliminary study. Features considered were price reporting, market news statistics and inspection and grades. The report was well received by the conference. Members of the trade were in a cooperative frame of mind toward the suggestions of the Bureau.

It is proposed that the Bureau supervise the present inspection service for condition, including "feed" and at a later date, to consider quality. In the meantime, further study will be made of grades and standards for live poultry. The attitude of the trade indicates it would be but a relatively short time before representatives will be engaged in the program recommended by the Bureau.

Dr. Beuchel is responsible for the Bureau's part in the long-time study of the New York live poultry trade made in cooperation with the New York Food Research Council. This study will continue for several months and will comprise price determination, changing demand and condition, with all economic factors bearing on the poultry business in New York City.

Attendance at last week's meeting indicated the scope of interest in the enterprise. Present were representatives of the receivers and buyers groups, the Attorney General of New York State and his New York City Staff, the City Department of Health, State Department of Farms and Markets, Bureau of Animal Industry of New Jersey, members of the Food Research Council and of this Bureau.

## 2. EDUCATIONAL COURSES READY TO START FALL TERM.

Preliminary announcements are out giving the educational courses that may be available for this fall in the Department) As this announcement is only tentative, it is urged that all who may be interested in taking such courses, fill out the application blanks immediately and turn them in. The courses are dependent upon the demand.

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The reason many do not like their work may be because they shirk it.

### 3. LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS ATTRACT MANY AT STATE FAIRS.

"At the Lincoln Fair the Bureau exhibit proved an unusual drawing card," says Charles Bruce, in charge of the Omaha Livestock office when he sent an enthusiastic comment on the success of the livestock and meat exhibits which were put on at both the Iowa and the Nebraska State Fairs through co-operation of the Bureau and other agencies. "The attendance totaled 307,000 and I believe that every feeder of livestock visited the exhibit. Plans are being made for a bigger exhibit the coming year at both the Iowa and Nebraska State Fairs."

### 4. LIBRARY RECEIVES COOPERATION OF FIELD OFFICES..

The Bureau Library feels very grateful to the field offices who often are of the greatest assistance in helping it complete files of periodicals or price sheets which would otherwise have to be bound with gaps in them. There have been two outstanding cases recently. W. H. Stanton, Assistant Chief Marketing Specialist in the New York Office of the Fruits and Vegetables Division borrowed the file copy of Russells Commercial News from the publisher and had it photostated to fill a gap in the Library's files which it had been unable to fill in any other way.

The other case was in connection with the Cotton Trade Journal, two 1925 issues of which had been lost in circulation. The Library wrote to the publisher and was told that no duplicates were available. It asked several libraries which were known to file the periodical in hopes of obtaining duplicates, without success. The Library then wrote to J. J. Haggerty, in charge of the New Orleans Field Office of the Cotton Division, who turned the matter over to Robt. S. Whittaker, head clerk of the office. Mr. Whittaker was successful in finding both copies so that the file is now complete.

The Library feels that the persons who are willing to take the pains to do this sort of thing are performing a service of real value, because the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is the national agricultural library and investigators and students should be able to find in it in the years to come the complete files which may not be available elsewhere. The Library is glad to acknowledge the unfailing courtesy and cooperation shown by the field offices whenever they are appealed to in such matters.

### 5. SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The Division of Live Stock, Meats and Wool reports that its San Francisco office has on hand as surplus the following articles:

- 1 Desk Lamp, portable, electric, brass, with green cord,  
but without shade
- 1 Numbering Machine, automatic, Bates, Serial No. 31406
- 1 Addressing Machine, Rapid, fiber type plates, with two  
cabinets of six drawers each.

Any Division desiring to procure this equipment should advise the Section of Property and Supplies which will arrange for the transfer.

6. ARTICLES FOR OFFICIAL RECORD  
TO GO THROUGH ECONOMIC INFORMATION.

The Director of Information for the Department, Nelson Antrim Crawford, in a memorandum of Sept. 15 asks for contributions and suggestions for the Official Record. Mr. Crawford urges that material be sent as often as possible, with special request for news, tips for news stories, manuscripts of speeches and anything else from the Bureau that may seem worth including. Such items are usually handled through one person in each Division.

Material may be sent independently, with the necessary approval of the Head of the Division. It must be kept in mind however, that all contributions from this Bureau are to be submitted through the Division of Economic Information. In this way subject matter may be approved and confusion resulting from duplication, avoided.

7. GRAIN MAN RESIGNS  
FROM GALVESTON OFFICE.

Walter J. Peterson, Asst. Grain Supervisor, located at Galveston resigned September 21, 1926 to accept a position as Chief Inspector at Houston. He has been with this Bureau since September 1921, at which time he was appointed as Grain Sampler. From November 1923 to June 1926 he was assigned to the New Orleans office of Federal Grain Supervision. Our good wishes go with Mr. Peterson in his new position.

8. VISITORS  
AT THE LONDON OFFICE.

According to a report from Edward A. Foley, Agricultural Commissioner, the following have made use of the London office during the past two weeks:  
Miss Grace E. Frysinger, Bureau of Home Economics.  
Edwin Smith, Fruits and Vegetables. He is back in London after going to Liverpool and Glasgow.  
Leon M. Estabrook. According to a postal card Mr. Estabrook expected to be in London about September 17  
Wm I. Holt, Cotton Division of the London office, is at present in Havre.

9. NATIONAL DAIRY SHOW  
DRAWS ATTENDANCE FROM BUREAU.

The Bureau will be represented at the National Dairy Show, Detroit, Oct. 6-13, by R.C.Potts, L.M.Davis and T.R.Pirtle of Dairy and Poultry Products; P.F. Brookens of Foreign Section, Statistical and Historical Research; Hutzler Metzger, of Cooperative Marketing; and J. Clyde Marquis, of Economic Information. The Bureau will have an exhibit showing what is being done towards marketing dairy products.

The delegation will leave Washington October 5, for Detroit.

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District of Columbia day at Sesquicentennial Exposition, October 6, special fare Washington to Philadelphia and return.

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10. PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION OPENS BRANCH OFFICE  
IN COTTON LABORATORY, 300 LINWORTH PLACE.

The Photographic Section has arranged to operate a branch office at 300 Linworth Place, in order to handle the work of the Cotton Laboratory. A.A. Ruark will be in charge of the new office.

All orders for such photographic work will be sent through H.C. Wilcox in the Bureau Laboratory, Bieber Building, as usual.

11. TO STUDY POULTRY FARMING  
IN NEW YORK STATE.

A cooperative study of poultry farming in New York State is being started by the Division of Farm Management and Costs. E.R. Johnson of the Division will represent the Bureau and will work with Cornell University representatives.

Mr. Johnson left Monday for Ithaca and plans for the study will be carried out in that section. It is proposed to collect records from about 250 farms, both specialized and combination types, to consider the organization and management of poultry production.

After analyzing records, suggestions will be made and material will be available to assist in poultry production in the eastern part of the country. Another report on this study will be made in about two months.

12. CERTIFICATES GET MAN  
OUT OF JAIL.

Some time ago a Los Angeles man was acting as agent for a group of banana growers in Mexico. He shipped 15 cars of the fruit to the Los Angeles market. It happened that other supplies were heavy at that time and the market was poor. It also happened that these bananas had not carried very well and arrived in rather bad condition. The growers were so greatly disappointed over the small returns that they believed the agent to be guilty of an unfair transaction, and had him arrested and put in jail in Mexico.

An appeal through the American Consul reached H. A. Harris, of the Los Angeles office, and, as fortune had it, these cars of bananas were inspected by Mr. Harris and he was able to render a certificate as to their condition and as to the glutted market. The report from our Los Angeles office was the means of effecting the agent's release and he safely returned to the United States. On September 15, he wrote Mr. Harris a letter of thanks as follows:

"Just a few lines to say I am in 'God's Country' once again. I certainly appreciate your excellent reports, furnished the American Consulate at Mexico City. They were instrumental in getting me out of a rotten mess in Mexico. It goes without saying that the U.S. inspections are of great value to shippers and the trade in general, as your great work and speed in my case was certainly a God-send. Let me say I am very grateful and appreciate same, and I take this means to show my gratitude by writing you this letter. These fellows tried to railroad me to jail, and your inspections and certificates are responsible for my release and my being back home in 'God's Country.'"

13. BUREAU TO BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING  
OF BUTTER AND EGG MEN.

The National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association, in Chicago, October 4, 5 and 6, will be attended by R. C. Potts, and Rob R. Slocum of the Division of Dairy and Poultry Products. Dr. Beuchel will come from New York City to accompany them.

Later, Mr. Potts will attend the National Poultry Congress in Chicago, and give an address on "Present Status of Egg Standardization". Mr. Slocum will be present and take part in the discussions. From Chicago, he will go to Detroit for the National Dairy Show.

While in Detroit, Mr. Potts plans to take several days annual leave, returning to Washington October 18.

14. IN THE LIBRARY:

Among the accessions to the Bureau Library for the week ending September 24 are:

Aleksandrov, A. Complete Russian-English dictionary... 6th ed., rev. and enl. New York, M. N. Maisel, 1923.

Central association of agricultural & tenant-right valuers. 16th annual report of the council and statement of account for the year 1925/26... Leicester, W. H. Lead, printer [1926]

Galveston cotton exchange and board of trade. Statement for the year 1925/26. [Galveston, 1926]

Madgearu, V. N. & Mladenatz, G. Reforma cooperatiei. [Bucharest?] Cultura nationala [1925?] (Colectia actualității. Cultura nationala)

Michigan elevator exchange. Annual report... for fiscal year ending June 30, 1926. Lansing, Mich. [1926]

Philadelphia. Board of trade. 93d annual report... presented to the Association January 25, 1926... Philadelphia, 1926.

U. S. Bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Trade information bulletin no. 432. Foreign trade of the United States in the fiscal year 1925-26. Washington, D. C., 1926.

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U. S. Tariff commission. Costs of producing sugar beets. Pt. 8. Montana. Pt. 9. California. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

U. S. Treasury dept. Federal farm loan board. Circular no. 5. (Rev.) The farm loan primer... May, 1926. Washington, Govt. print. off., 1926.

# 15. THE BALL HAS STARTED ROLLING!

The Ladies' Bowling League of the Bureau has organized for the ensuing year with Miss Catherine M. Viehmann as President and Miss Lillian Masse as Secretary. The bowlers played the first game of the season at Coliseum Alleys last night and are scheduled to roll every Monday at 6 P.M. Enthusiasm ran high and leagues of "mere men" are advised to look to their laurels.

The following Divisions sent teams into the fray to wrest the silver loving cup from the Fruit and Vegetable Division: Farm Management, led by Mrs. Mary B. Thompson; Livestock, Meats and Wool, captained by Miss Mary A. Kelly; Land Economics headed by Miss Elizabeth K. Knee; Stenographic with Mrs. Mattie Adams at the helm; and Information, with a captain yet to be named.

The F. & V. Quintet sponsored by Miss Grace Robinson, entered the contest with renewed effort to retain the trophy won last year.

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The Division of Dairy and Poultry Products reports that the total fees accruing to the Bureau from egg inspections reached a high peak during the month of August, with \$970.37. The number of cases inspected during the month was 39,890 and the number of inspections, 865.

## BUREAU BREVITIES.

16. MAINE POTATO DEAL, Season 1925-1926, a mimeograph summary by H.E. Rutland has been prepared for distribution. Market reports on potatoes were issued from Presque Isle, Maine during the season.

17. PERIODICALS RELATING TO DAIRYING, has been prepared as Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 16, and is ready for distribution. This bibliography was compiled by Miss Muriel F. Wright, under the direction of Miss Mary G. Lacy, Librarian of the Bureau, and is in three parts: Dairy Periodicals, Agricultural Papers having a Section devoted to Dairying, and Publications Issuing Current Prices of Dairy Products.

18. THE MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN OFFICE has been handling a considerably larger number of appeals of corn than is usual at this season of the year. The most important factor of grading for the corn is the total damaged content. Much of the corn is grading No. 4, 5, and 6 on account of total damage.

# 19. ASSISTANT MARKETING SPECIALIST (MEAT GRADER) TO BE APPOINTED AT \$2,400.

An unassembled examination for the above position is announced by the Civil Service Commission, for duty in Washington or in the field.

Duties will be to investigate, examine, and certify the class, quality and condition of meats and meat food products.

Applicants will be rated on education, experience and fitness as one subject, and on a thesis or paper to be filed with the examination, as the second subject. Education and experience will include at least six years of experience in handling meats. Applications must be on file in Washington not later than October 12. Applicants should apply for Form 2118, giving the exact title of the examination.

HERE AND THERE IN THE BUREAU.

Mr. Olsen leaves today on an official trip through the Northwestern and Central States to be absent until the latter part of October. One of his first appointments will be at St. Paul, Oct. 2, to attend a conference on agricultural problems. Mr. Olsen will go to various universities and State Agricultural colleges with a view to locating research men qualified to work in the Bureau.

Dr. C. J. Galpin will sail from Queenstown, Ireland, on the Republic September 26. He is due to arrive October 5 in New York and will be in the office October 6.

W.A. Wheeler, Hay, Feed and Seeds, plans to be in Minneapolis, Chicago, Omaha and Kansas City during the week of October 4-9. In Chicago he will make tentative arrangements for the seed marketing conference to be held there in the fall. In Kansas he will confer with regard to the hay inspectors' training school which will open on October 11.

Jesse W. Tapp, Farm Management and Costs, will go to Boston today to confer with members of the New England Research Council, during this week.

Miss Lucy Watt, Fruits and Vegetables, who has been on leave in Atlantic City for the past two weeks with her sister, called by long distance telephone Monday requesting furlough for an indefinite period on account of the serious condition of her sister's health. We regret to learn of this, and trust the next report will bring more encouraging news. Miss Watt will be at her home in Greensburg, Pa.

E.C. Parker, Hay, Feed and Seeds, will have charge of the hay inspectors' training school which will be held at Kansas City, Mo., for three weeks, beginning Oct. 11.

Byron Hunter, Farm Management and Costs, has returned from an extended tour of the West, accompanied by J.R. Dawson of the Bureau of Dairying. They visited nine of the Western States and conferred with college officials regarding the status of the dairy industry. At the request of the Director of Extension of these States, Mr. Hunter prepared a report entitled "Statistics of the Dairy Industry with Special Reference to the Eleven Western States". The material in this report and its application to local dairy program-making was discussed with the college men.

Mrs. Justine J. Warner, Colorist of the Photographic Section, is improving nicely after her operation last week at the Homeopathic Hospital. We are hoping for her speedy recovery.

L.S. Hulbert and H.M. Bain, Division of Cooperative Marketing left Sunday for Richmond, Va., to be gone about ten days. They will study the legal aspects of the Tri-State Tobacco Association, with special emphasis on the relation of local organizations to the parent or central marketing association. They may proceed to Raleigh and Columbia, S.C. before returning to Washington, although this part of the trip has not yet been decided.

Miss Katherine L. McCardell, Statistical and Historical Research, motored to Atlantic City with her brother, for several days. She sent word that the ocean was very rough—more so than for 15 years—probably due to the tropical storm season. She visited the Sesquicentennial Exposition also before returning to Washington.

of Benton E. Rothgeb, Farm Management and Costs, left Sunday for extended study/harvesting methods for sorghum crops, in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. This is part of a series of studies on small combine harvesting of grain crops, being made by the Division.

Chris L. Christensen, Cooperative Marketing, has gone to St. Albans and Burlington, Vt., and Boston, Mass. to confer with board members of cooperative marketing associations and State marketing officials relative to research in marketing dairy products cooperatively.

George Butterworth, Cotton Marketing Division, will go to Woodland, N.C. to exhibit and demonstrate the official cotton standards for grade and staple, at the Eighth Annual Fair of the Roanoke-Chowan Agricultural Association, Oct. 5-8. From there, Mr. Butterworth will go to southern markets to purchase cotton used in making up grade standards.

R.R. Pailthorp, Fruit and Vegetable Grades and Standards, went to New Jersey last week to confer with the Production Manager of the Campbell Soup Company regarding grades of tomatoes to be used in the preparation of canned soups. This meeting was preliminary to a conference to be held at a later date when the subject will be discussed fully.

It is understood that J. R. Duncan has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to resume charge of the F. & V. inspection work in San Diego.

G.S. Meloy, Division of Cotton Marketing, will go to Springfield, Ohio, to consult with manufacturers of cotton seed oil machinery. Since he is investigating the possibilities of establishing grades for cotton seed for crushing purposes, he is also interested in types of machinery used for crushing.

We were not greatly surprised to learn of the marriage of Mrs. Elsie E. Sollers, Photographic Section, to Arnold G. Romero, on last Wednesday. She had received her engagement ring a few months ago, and her friends were rather expecting to hear of the wedding ring next. The event took place at the home of Miss Violet Heinson's sister, at Brewyn, Md., the happy couple leaving later, by automobile for Philadelphia and New York City.

We wish many years of happiness for them.

B.H. Rowell of the Indianapolis Fruit and Vegetable office enjoyed his annual vacation during the past two weeks.

Miss Mildred Montgomery, Grand Forks, N. Dak., Crop and Livestock Estimate, is on leave this week as part of her vacation.

Miss Anna Mae Beckwith of the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable office concluded her vacation last Saturday.

Charles E. Gage, popular Editor of "The Omnibus", Crop and Livestock Estimates and P.O. Nyhus, Agricultural Statistician at Madison, Wis., with P.A. Cushman, Bureau of Entomology, went fishing at Benedict, Md., Sept. 18. Seven varieties of fish were caught, it was claimed, to wit: trout, croakers, bluefish, rock, King William perch, black perch, spot, AND toadfish. According to reports, Mr. Nyhus easily won first prize for the largest number of toadfish. Mr. Gage won first prize for the largest number of words used to express his opinion of toadfish. Mr. Cushman caught the most fish. It was a fine large day. Two trout weighing 5 lb. 7 oz. and 4 lb. 8 oz., respectively, featured the modest catch!

Miss Helen M. Walsh, clerk-typist in the Boston F. & V. inspection office, resigned on September 20, after three years' service.

Mrs. Ruth Payne, Cooperative Marketing, <sup>took</sup> last week on annual leave.

Elmer C. Eckloff of the St. Paul Livestock, Meats and Wool office started on two weeks' leave last Monday.

E. G. Robb, Fruit and Vegetable Inspections, made a short trip to New York City and Philadelphia last week to confer with members of the force regarding Food Products Inspection service.

Gustave Burmeister, Jr. Marketing Specialist in charge of the Cheyenne, Wyoming field office Crop and Livestock Estimates, is to be transferred to the Houston, Texas office effective about November 1 as Assistant Crop & Livestock Estimator. Mr. Burmeister will be first assistant in the Texas office and his new duties will deal principally with livestock.

Donald F. Christy, Jr. Agricultural Statistician in the Columbus, Ohio field office, as Assistant Crop and Livestock Estimator will be transferred to Cheyenne, Wyoming office to take Mr. Burmeister's place.

Thomas F. McDonough, Assistant Operative in the Division of Land Economics has been transferred to the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates as Junior Agricultural Statistician. Mr. McDonough will remain in Washington for awhile for instructions and will be sent to Columbus, Ohio about October 15 to take Mr. Christy's place.

In submitting an application blank for market reports from the Portland F. & V. office, a potato grower in Oregon said: "Your market news letter saved me \$1,000 last year."

J. F. Barghausen, Technologist of the Bureau, was in Philadelphia last week in connection with his studies of market equipment, particularly refrigerator market stands.

W. C. Davis, Livestock, Meats and Wool, is taking three weeks vacation, returning to the office October 16.

H. A. Spilman, Fruits and Vegetables, was in Lynchburg, Va., Saturday to meet with farmers, retailers and others to discuss the matter of establishing a suitable farmers' market in that city.

We are glad to learn that the little daughter of E. J. Murphy of the Grain Division, who has been so seriously ill, is rapidly recovering.

W.H. Steinbauer of the Newark, N.J. Fruit and Vegetable Office is being transferred to Boston this week to take charge of the Food Products Inspection work.

Miss Elizabeth Knece, Land Economics, returned to the office this week after an absence of several days on account of illness.

J.C. Cross, Transportation Specialist, leaves Washington October 5 for a two months' trip to the central and southern sections of the country in the interest of shipment reports from common carriers. Arrangements will be completed whereby shipment information may be received from boat lines, railroads and express companies, handling fruits and vegetables, livestock, and dairy products. Much of the usefulness of our market news service depends upon voluntary shipment information furnished by transportation companies.

Whitney Coombs of Pennsylvania has recently been appointed as Agricultural Economist in the Division of Agricultural Finance to study farm taxation problems. Mr. Coombs graduated from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in 1919, and holds both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. He has also done some specialized work in the London School of Economics. His experience includes three years as an instructor in general economics, public finance, money and banking at Lake Forest College, Illinois; editorial and research work for the Illinois Department of Labor; and one year as Assistant Professor of Economics at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Miss Magdalen H. Burger, Statistical and Historical Research, has been transferred to the Treasury Department effective Sept. 27.

Miss Burger came to the Bureau in May 1924, from the Bureau of the Budget and has been engaged in statistical work on the movement and prices of fruits and vegetables.

H.H. Willis, Economist in Cotton Testing at Clemson College, S.C., is in the office this week to confer with members of the Cotton Division.

Arthur N. Moore of Massachusetts has been appointed as Assistant Agricultural Economist in the Division of Agricultural Finance effective September 13. He will devote his time to research work in the field of agricultural credit.

Mr. Moore received his A.B. degree from Harvard in '23 and his A.M. degree a year later. Since then he has taken graduate work at that institution toward his Ph.D. degree. His specialized work as an advanced student has been in the field of credit and general economics. This, together with his experience on the farm, has provided him a good background for his work in the field of farm credit.